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A detailed illustration of a character, likely a heroine, with long dark hair and a crown adorned with several long, sharp, metallic spikes. She is holding a sword high in her right hand. The background is a misty, ethereal landscape with a large, ornate pillar visible on the right side.

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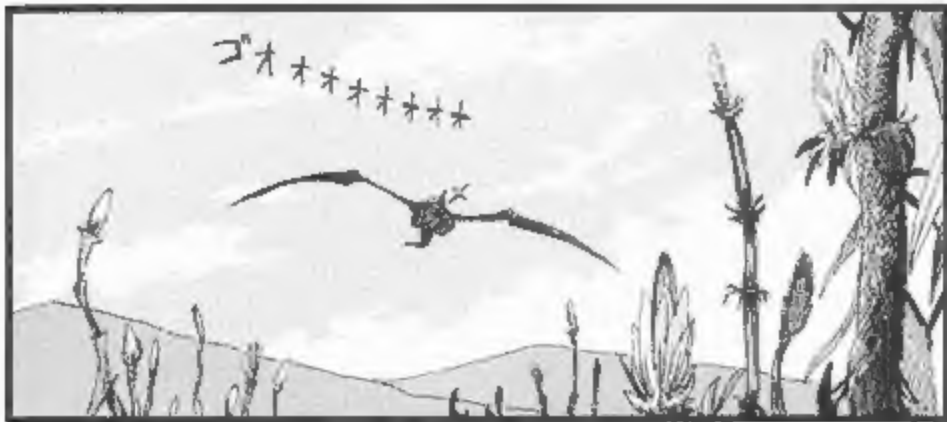
his is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headdliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

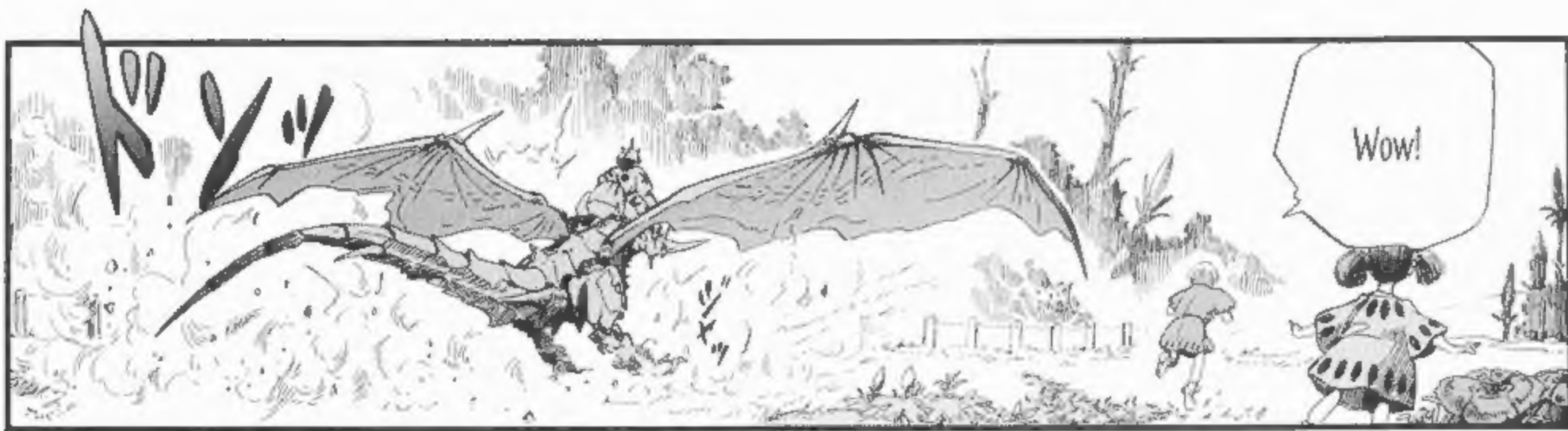
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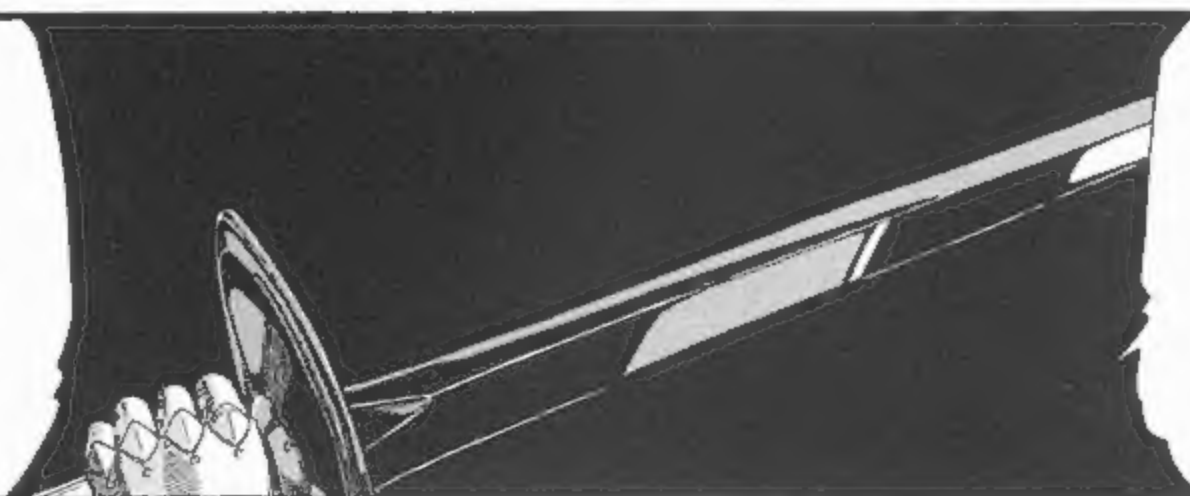


ere we start a new series of nine episodes, called The Chevaliers, said to be the purest, most powerful and craziest of headdliners. Episode One goes way off the FSS chronology to the year 18,097! The Joker Galaxy is all but done for, with the exception of its youngest planet, Jüno. Another mad scientist is at work trying to recreate the artificial life form described only in "mythology" (the FSS chronology), as the "fatima." To do so, he's abducting humans to perform experiments. A couple of chevaliers who have lost loved ones to him aren't too happy about that. In Episode Two, Sharie Randers returns to Delta Belun from her ambassadorship cum love affair on Jüno and quits the knighthood in true chevalier style. Great duel scene, by the way. Episode Three again takes us to the outer limits of the FSS chronology, this time into the past to the Galaxy's pre-Joker A.D. era and the police state of Spatura on the planet of Kallamity. The story centers around Ned Swans, the purest and probably the wildest chevalier ever, so wild that it was necessary to control his mind. His liberation and that of all of his headdliner descendants, together with a chance meeting with Crown Princess Amaterasu are the main themes.






Not even the earth's magma can melt it. It takes a full year to chisel the ore into the shape of a sword... and another two years to polish and sharpen it.



This is the renown Jet Black Silicon Sword!! The ore to forge it is found in lava flows... from volcanic eruptions.




Well... That's enough boasting... Now about what I came for...



Hmmm! So that's what one of those looks like...

There are not even ten of its kind in existence. It can cut through anything without losing its sharpness or suffer so much as a nick... even when cutting through iron or a dragon's horn.



However, I'm afraid... even with that sword...



Several villagers have been killed or reported missing. If this keeps up no one will dare pass through here.

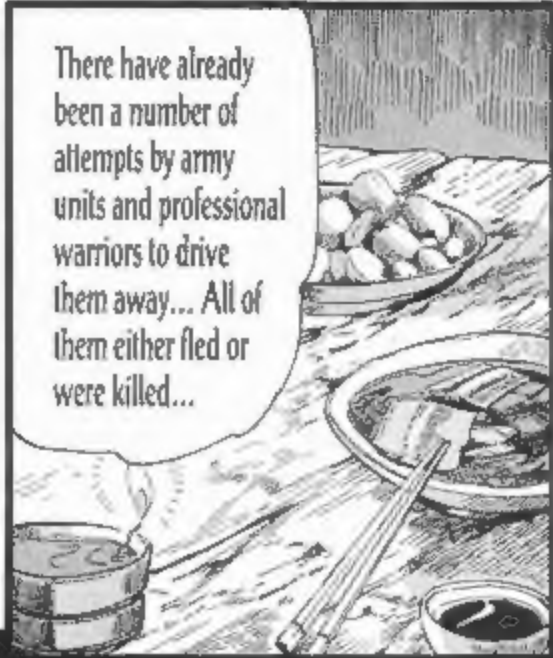
The demons you mentioned are appearing from the old castle in yonder mountains.

Well...




An incident has occurred there, caused by a series of strange experiments performed by the Diver Brapa Quriga, killing or abducting outlaws and ordinary civilians...

My name is Mondo Holas. I am a dragon chevalier of the sun kingdom of Luru, the largest on the continent of Eleshis.



There have already been a number of attempts by army units and professional warriors to drive them away... All of them either fled or were killed...



Among the abductees is my fiancée...

I was sent to track Brapa down along with seven other chevaliers by the Sun King of Luru. It's been three years now, and I am the only one who has continued the search.

Brapa calls himself an "Lchemy," and has created monsters responsible for killing almost a hundred people.

Not being the optimistic type... I really don't expect her to still be alive...

The engagement was arranged by our parents... I've only met her once... She was only twelve when she...

That's too bad...

That...

I would like to accompany the chevalier of Luru on his search.

That's... so sad...

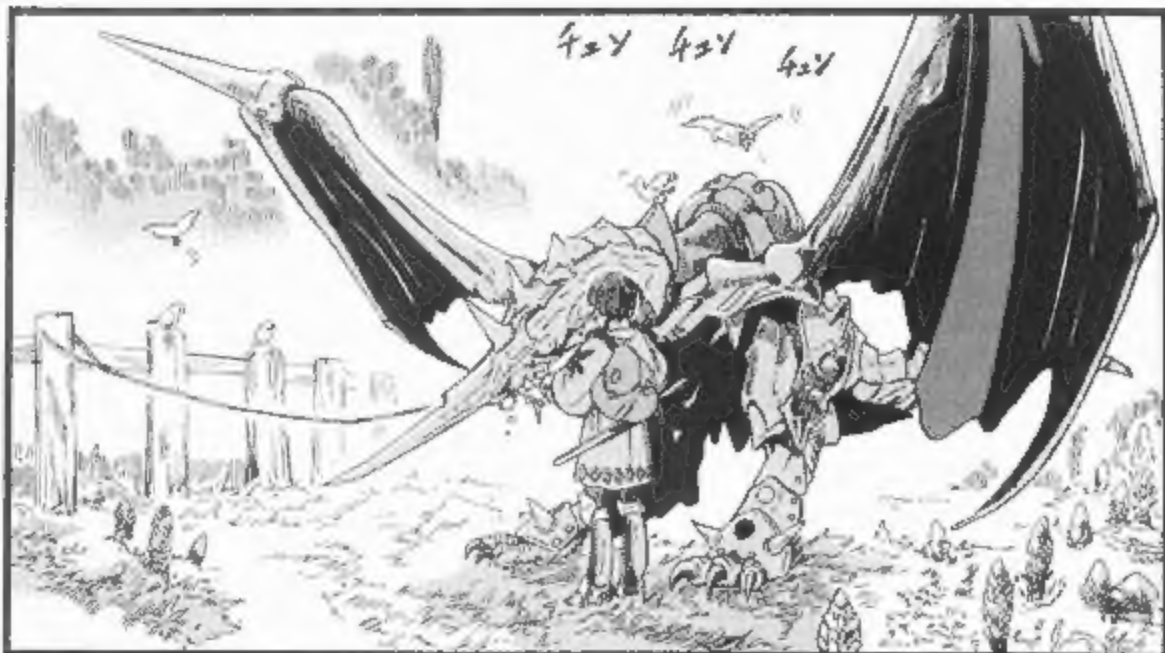
I've come for about the same reason as yourself.

I am Banchrolle Borishoi NaphManca, a chevalier of the kingdom of Sie Borishoi.

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.....!
Princess NaphManca!
The Violet Chevalress
of Borishoi!

My brother was killed by one of Brapa's monsters...



This is so exciting!
I've never met a
dragon chevalier
of Luru before!



Call me Rotte,
This is Dagshida.

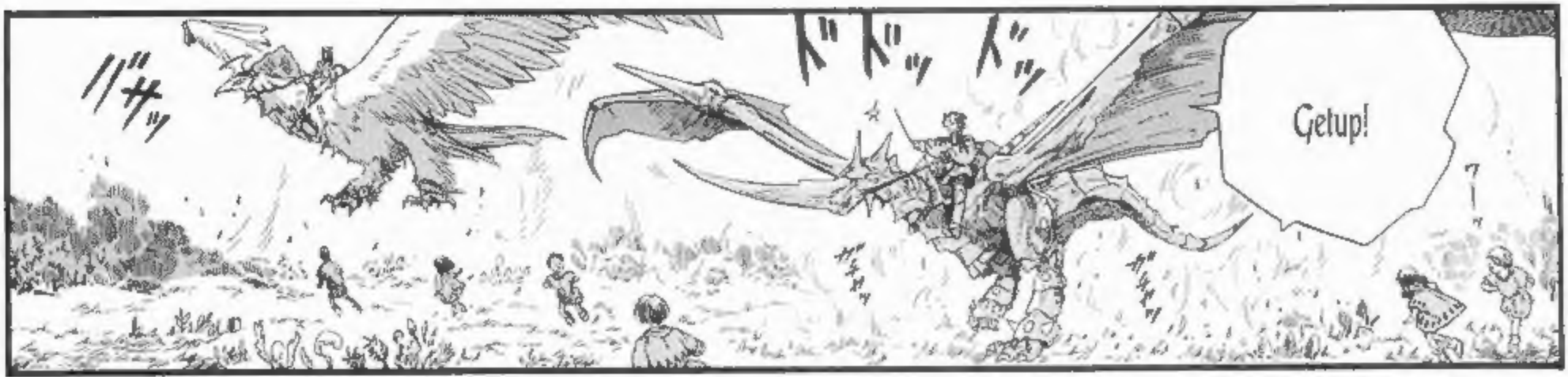


A Greif! You're a
Greif chevalress!



He's mercilessly
killed so many...
Now it's time for him
to pay for his cruelty!!

Okay, Rotte...
Get up! It's time
to stop Brapa
once and for all!



Getup!



You've seen one of them?



Swords can't pierce the slime that covers their bodies.

Be careful, Mondo! Swords have no effect on Brapa's monsters!!



Brapa even has a name for them... I'll never forget it as long I live...

Yes. I witnessed my brother's murder by one of those things.



Yes... "Fatima!!"



What? A name...?



That's the name of a great ancient deity...

Story #5 The Chevaliers The Majestic Stand

Episode 1 Jüno 18097

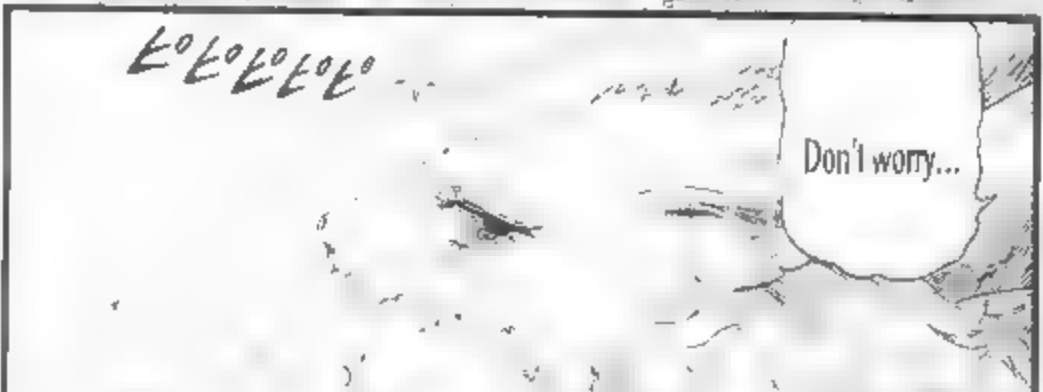
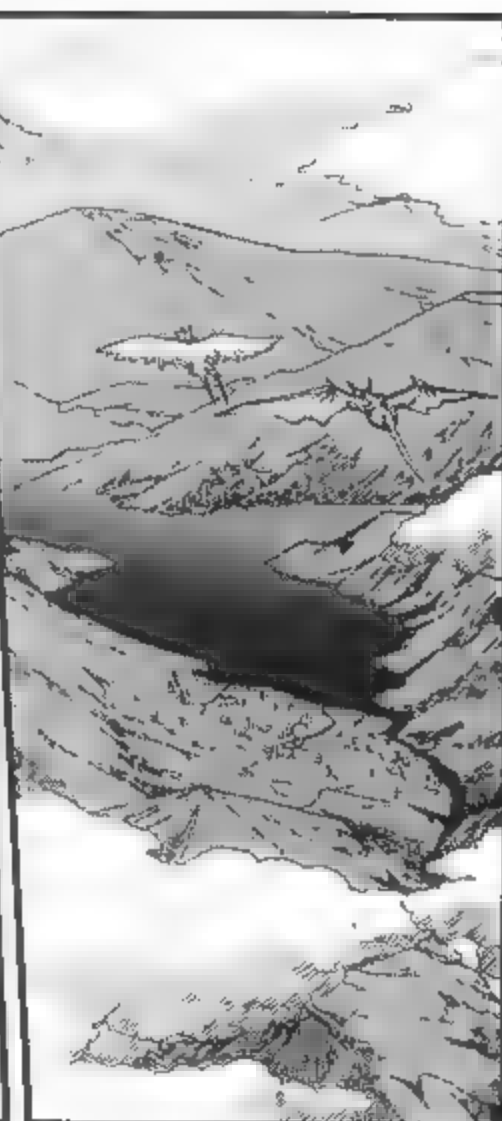
Destiny's Three Fates "Atropos" Final Episode
The Right Leg of Build



LC 18097

The Heshis Continent on the planet Juno... King Corts
VI's liberation of the Joker Galaxy from Amaterasu's
hegemony is none other than a tenth work. At that time
15,000 years ago, the Joker Galaxy consisted of five star
systems, but since then Delta Island and Kila's star system
have disappeared, while Addle and Tohwa's star system
and have reverted to their previous environment.
Only Juno has remained inhabited by human beings.
Despite the fact that human life in the Joker Galaxy has
sociobiological terms have become extinct, though
humanity has managed to achieve a level of civilization
in the modern era.

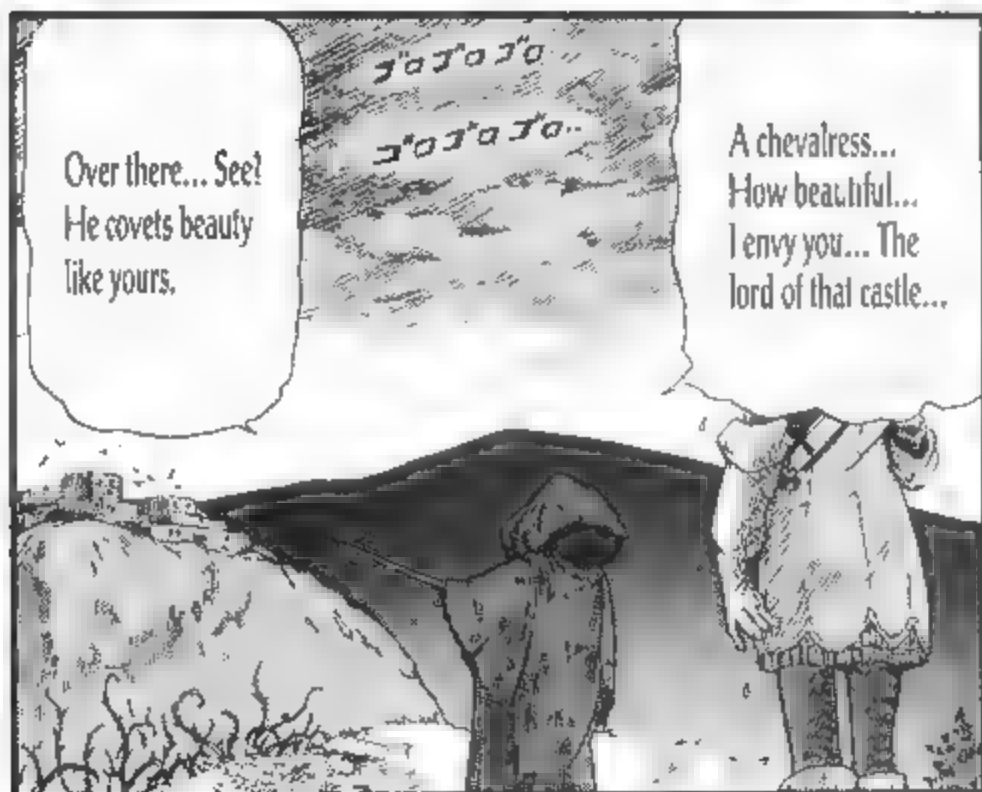






...harm the
likes of me!...

My, my Who
would want to



Over there... See?
He covets beauty
like yours.

A chevalress...
How beautiful...
I envy you... The
lord of that castle...



Less people
to harass and
bully this
deformed
old hag ..

They keep the
population
down.



No... you've
got... the
wrong.

Oh to be young
and in love again!



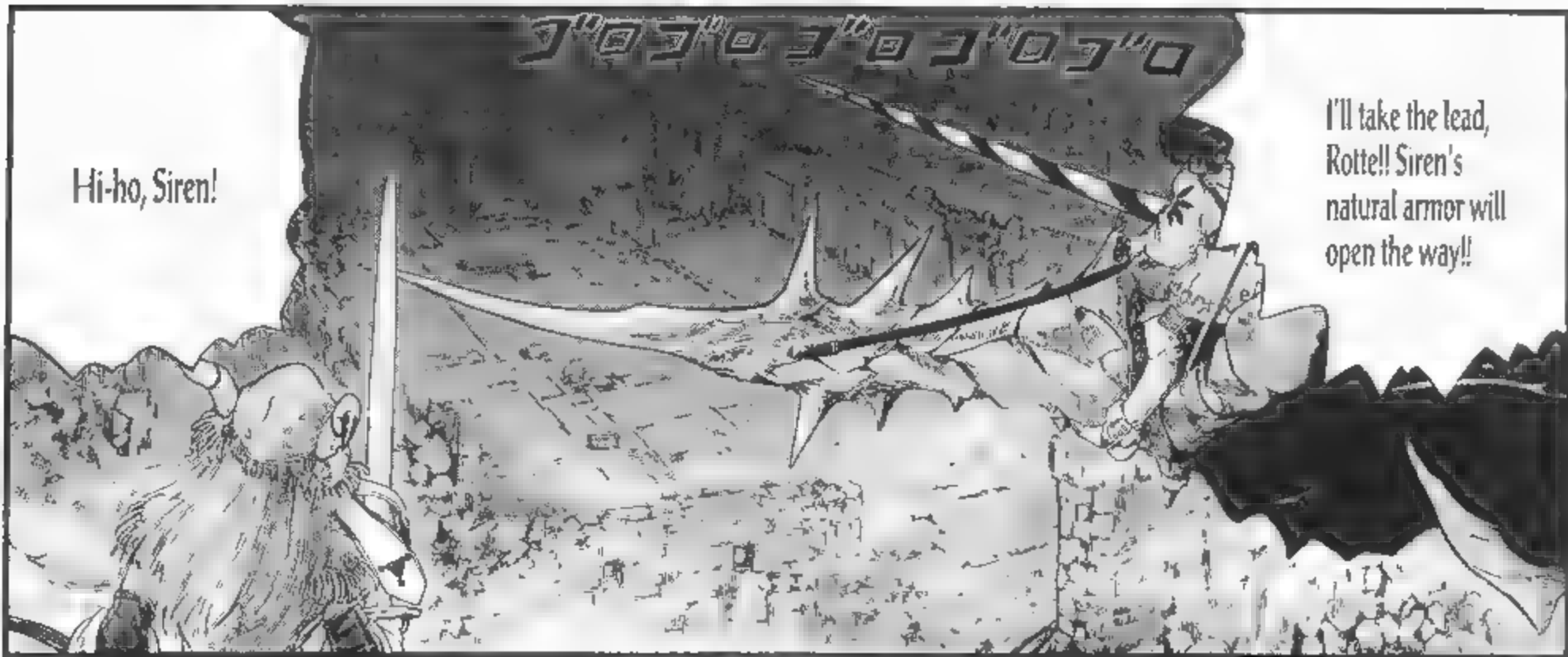
I'm sorry
but.

Do I now!
..Heh hen-
heh-heh!



Farewel .

We have to be
getting along
now...



Hi-ho, Siren!

I'll take the lead,
Rotte!! Siren's
natural armor will
open the way!!



I am a Dragon chevalier
of Luru, the Black
Knight, Mondo Hotas!!

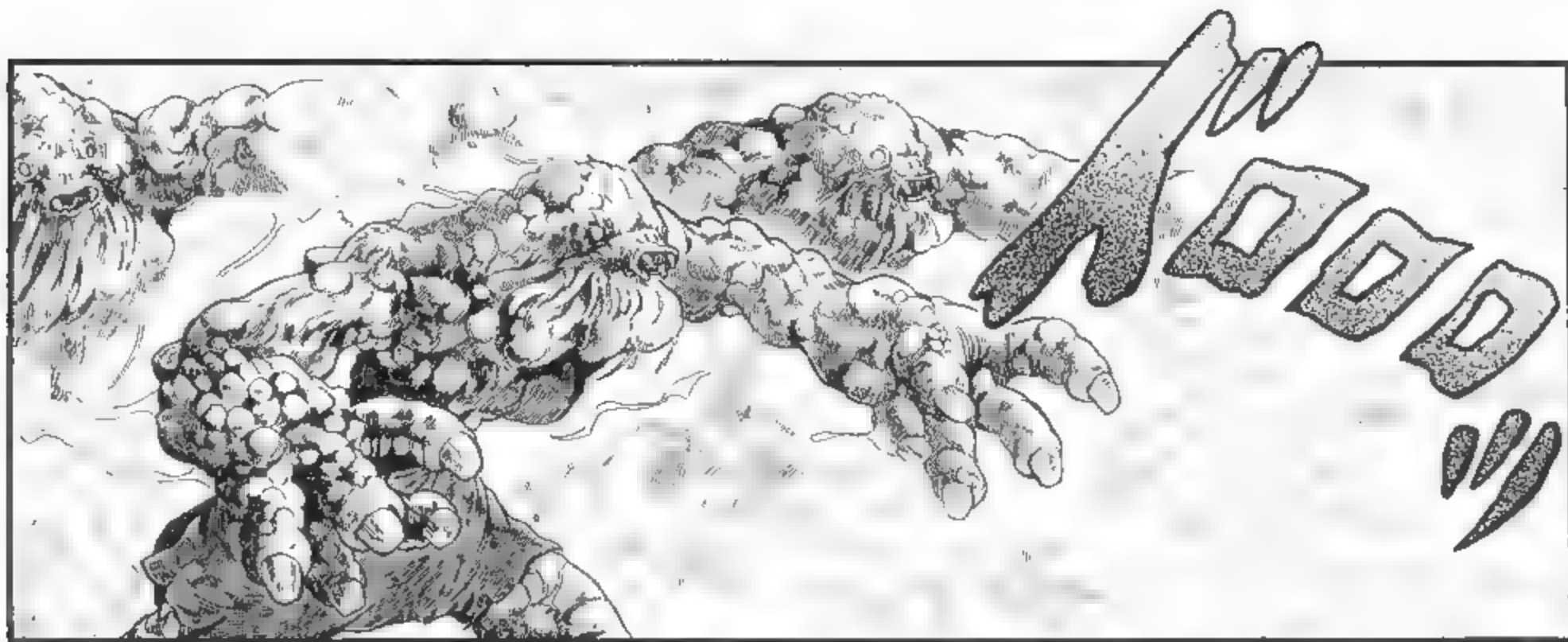


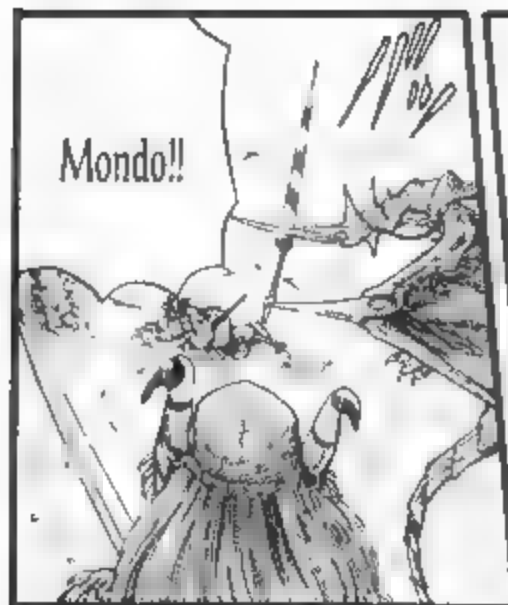
Brapa!!



Mondo!!
There
they are!!







Mondo!!



Oof!



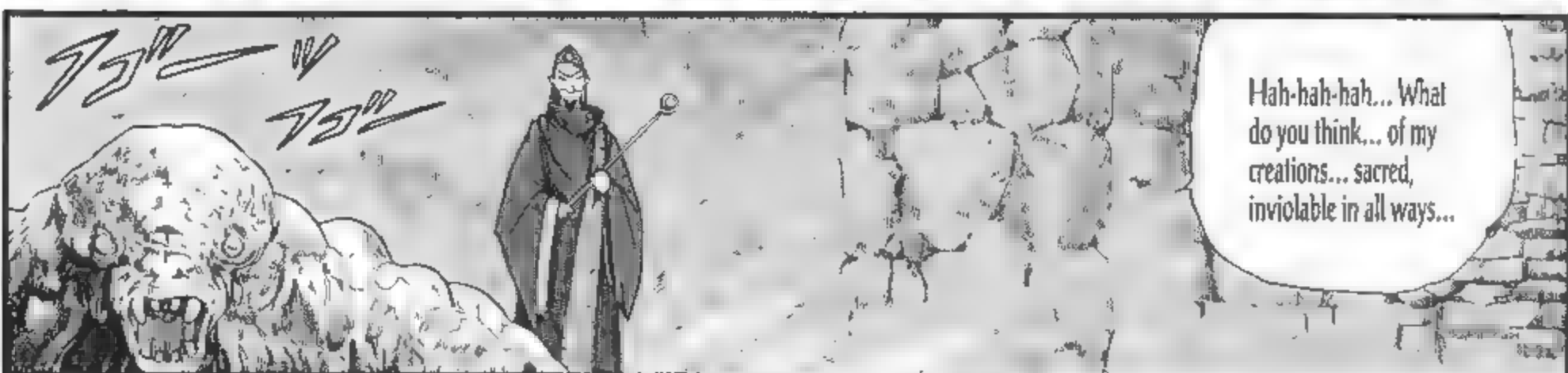
Rotte!!



Oooh!



Siren!!
Protect her!!



Hah-hah-hah... What
do you think... of my
creations... sacred,
inviolable in all ways...



That are going
to pay dearly
for my brother's
death!!

You re out of your
mind! ...They're
nothing but demonic
profanities!!

...with a story from
the mythical era!!

You still don't
understand, sir knights...
how remarkable these
creatures really are.
Allow me to enlighten
you with an anecdote...

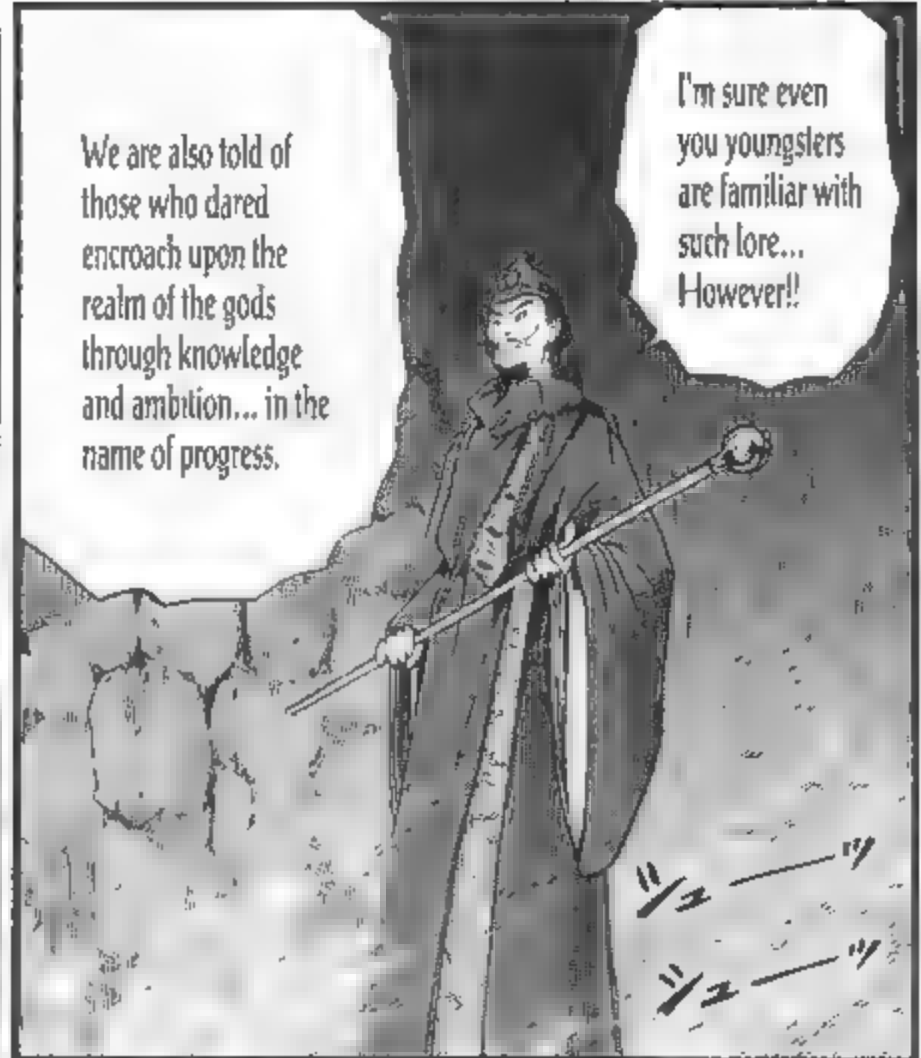
It is a tale about the White Giant of
the Borishoi Continent and the Black
Warlock of the Rondo Continent!!
The Green Devil and the Orange
Mega-Dragon!! The Floating City
destroyed by the flames of God!! The
Water of Life possessed by an angel
with a bifurcated tail!! Three Fates of
Destiny created from dust!!





Only those chosen by gods... those like me... can bring happiness and prosperity to future generations!

One never ceases to marvel at the great amount of truth that arises from the frightening and dangerous exploits of the ignorant and unwashed!!



We are also told of those who dared encroach upon the realm of the gods through knowledge and ambition... in the name of progress.

I'm sure even you youngsters are familiar with such lore... However!!



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Let's perform a little experiment, shall we... You'll make excellent specimens!

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See for yourselves... My creations... My fatimas!



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...But I'm glad we met...

Grrr... Too bad it had to be under such circumstances, Rotte...



What are you talking about! There's no way we're gonna die here... I haven't even seen your country yet... Back up!

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Me too!! If we're going to be used as test rats, I'd rather it be your sword instead...

From the
time we were
children...

How my heart
fluttered with
expectation every
night before
bedtime...

Oh how I
yearned for our
wedding day...

I've come
to know
his ways...

The only reason I've
continued to live so long
out of Brapa's sight was to
see my dearest once again,
if just for a moment...

Brapa put an
end to that...
in one of his
"experiments."

It's all this
malformed
body has left...
I beseech you!

Take my life .

My beloved
Mondo...

Please,
help him!

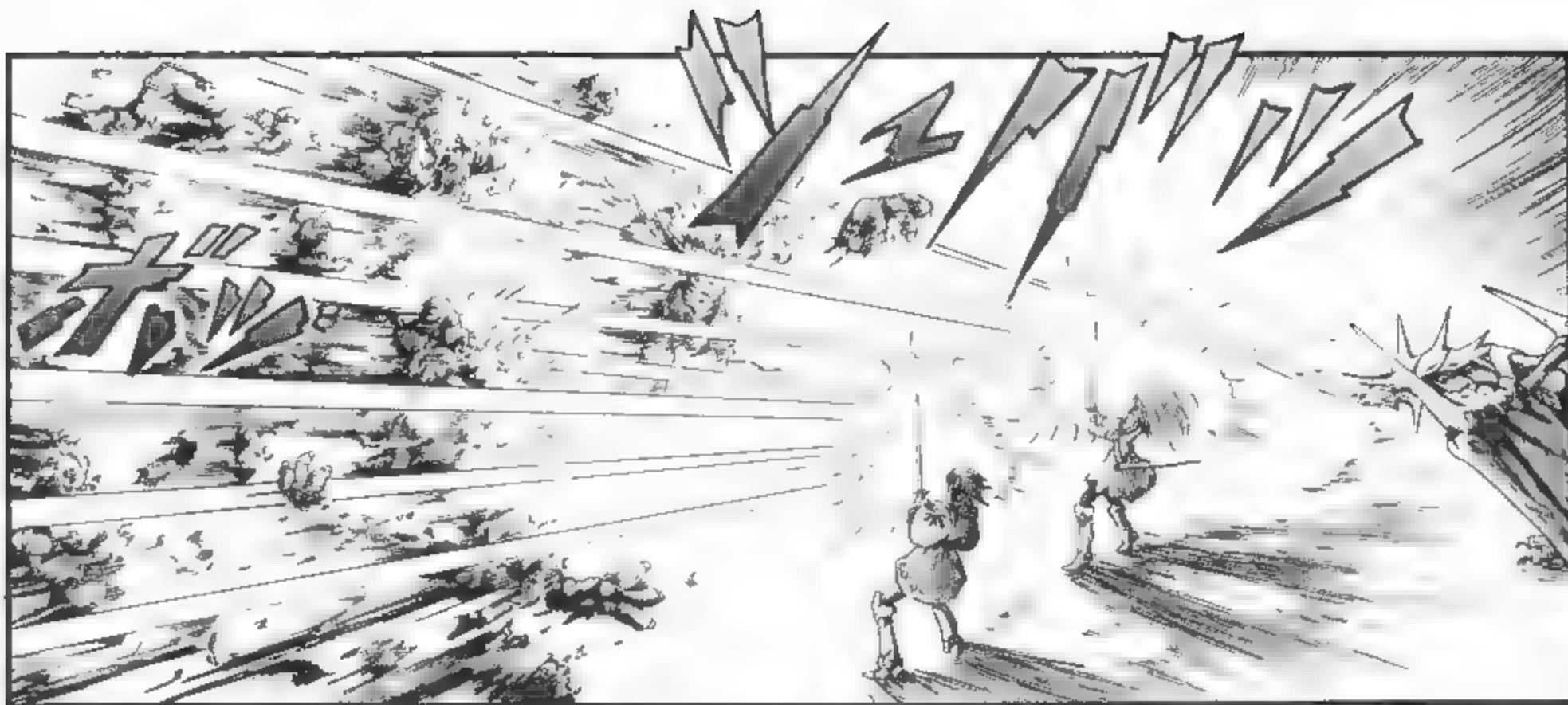
God! ...I am
now content...

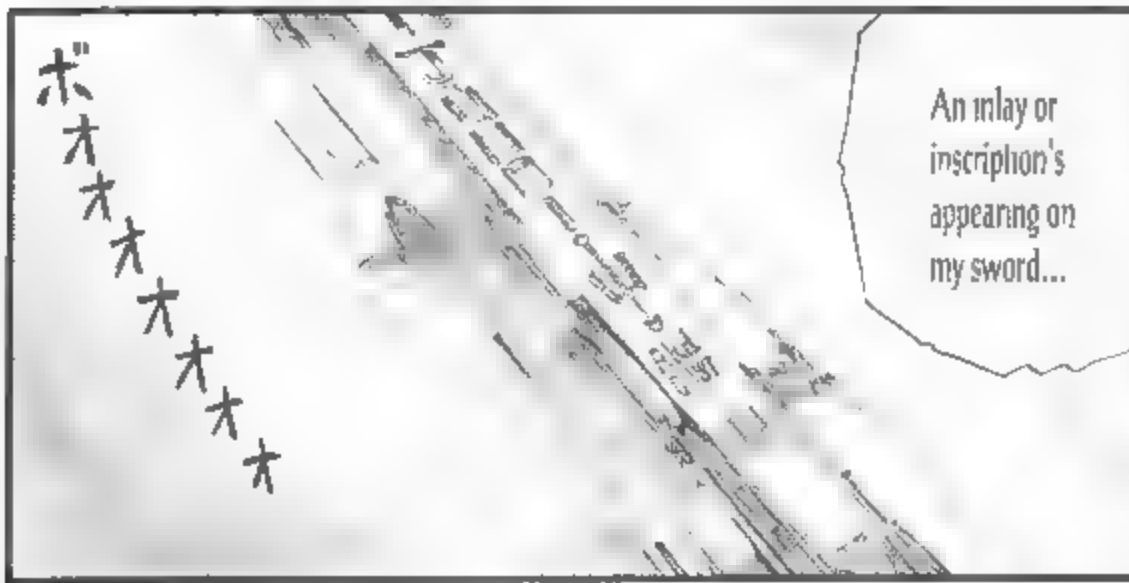


Let me finally rest
in peace along
with those who
were made into
fatimas...

Mondo's life
for mine!!







An inlay or inscription's appearing on my sword...



Yes... It's one of our national treasures... Look! ...Something's happening...



You have a Silicon Sword, too?



Wow... Maybe they're some kind of reward for getting rid of those monsters...

Mine, too...



Father...

...coming
around...

She's finally...

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They were terrorizing
people... I thought
maybe that's what
we really look like...
underneath ..

There were these
ugly beasts being
called "fatimas"...

A nightmare.
It was a horrible
nightmare

I am grateful to
you I had very bad conduct
It is age of other

Part of the gangrene
combined with a virus to
upset all the normal white
cells... There are cells
reproducing that keep
disturbing your base
solution chemistry.

...Thanks to
Aisha, who had
the sense to quick
freeze you all
before bringing
you back.

Ballanche s Paltanon
tore off your right arm
and leg... You were
the worst casualty...
I managed to save
Puula and Wilma...

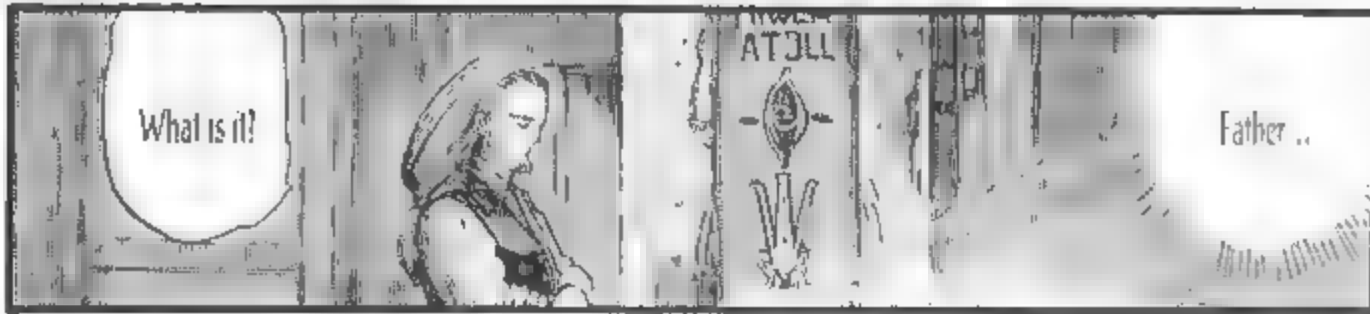
Father .. I'm so
frightened . I can't
see . I can't feel
anything... What's
happening to me!

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All I've been able to do is
to keep your cerebrum and
memory functioning...
There's nothing else I can
do until I can verify that
you are fully conscious
and your memory is
functioning normally.

At this point, all you
have is an intellect.
When Aisha brought
you in, half of your
body tissue had
turned to gangrene...

The restoration work
has taken about a year
now, taking pains to
keep your cerebrum
and memory in tact...



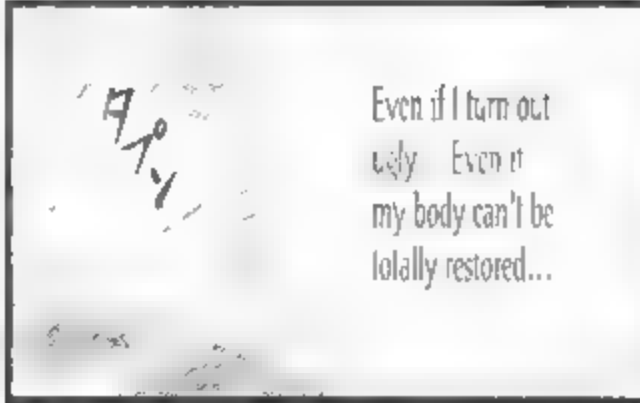
What is it?

Father ..



Physique doesn't matter to me...

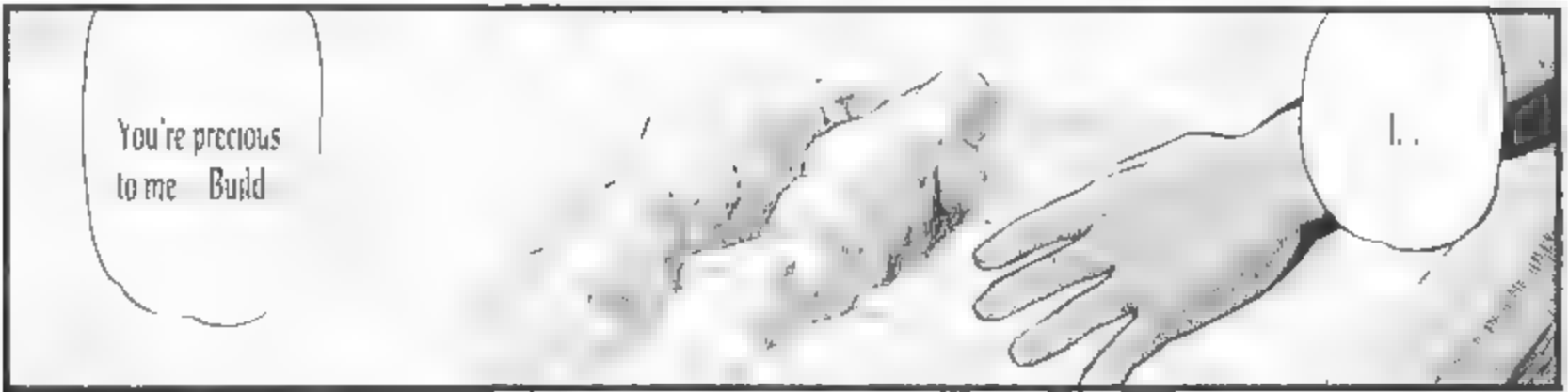
Listen... I'm the meight who created you.



Even if I turn out ugly Even if my body can't be lolally restored...

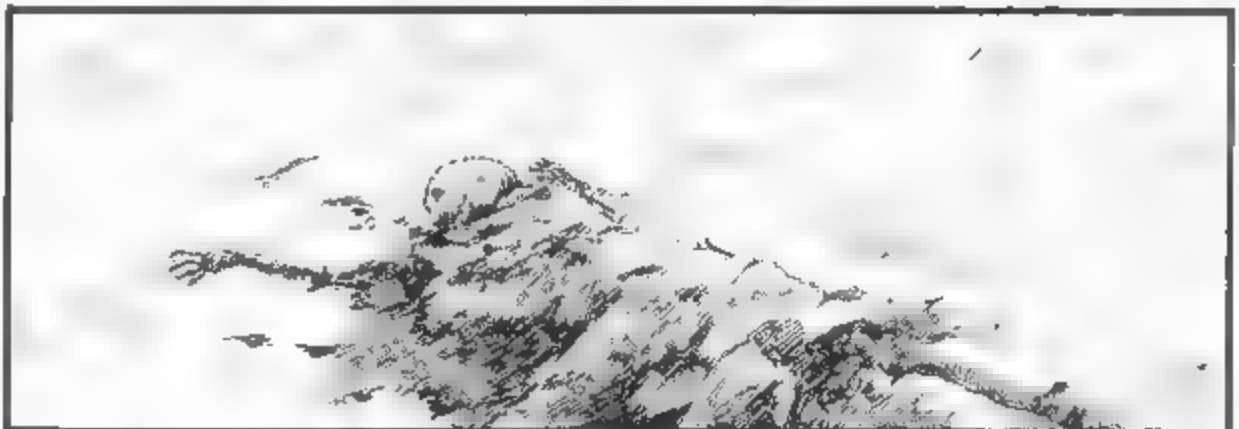
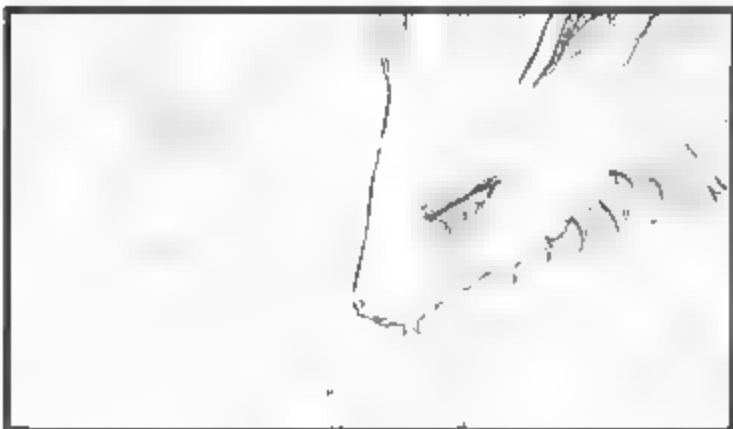
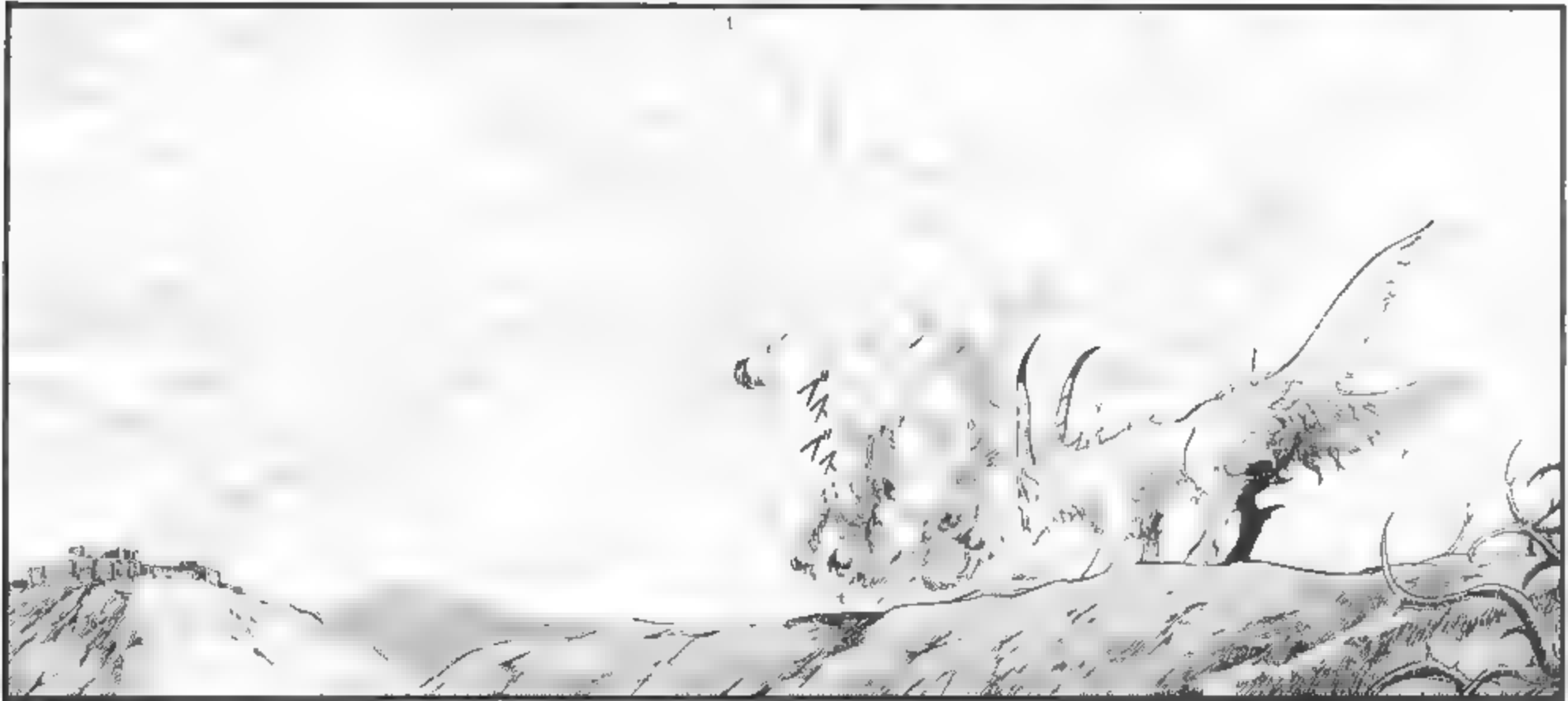


Est's been missing for five years now... Now I'm in danger of losing you... Forgive me... All these complications... I've made a real mess of things...



You're precious to me Build

I..



Don't you dare!!

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Let her be... Let her
rest... in peace...

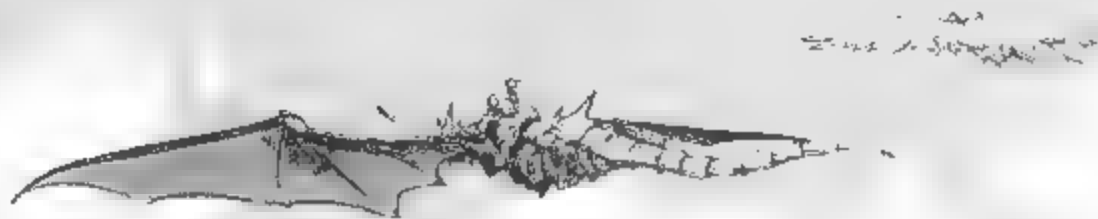
Let nature take its course
this time... Let the pure
of heart be carried into
kingdom come...
Please... Swe...

It's not always best to
allow someone who has
chosen her own fate to
come back...

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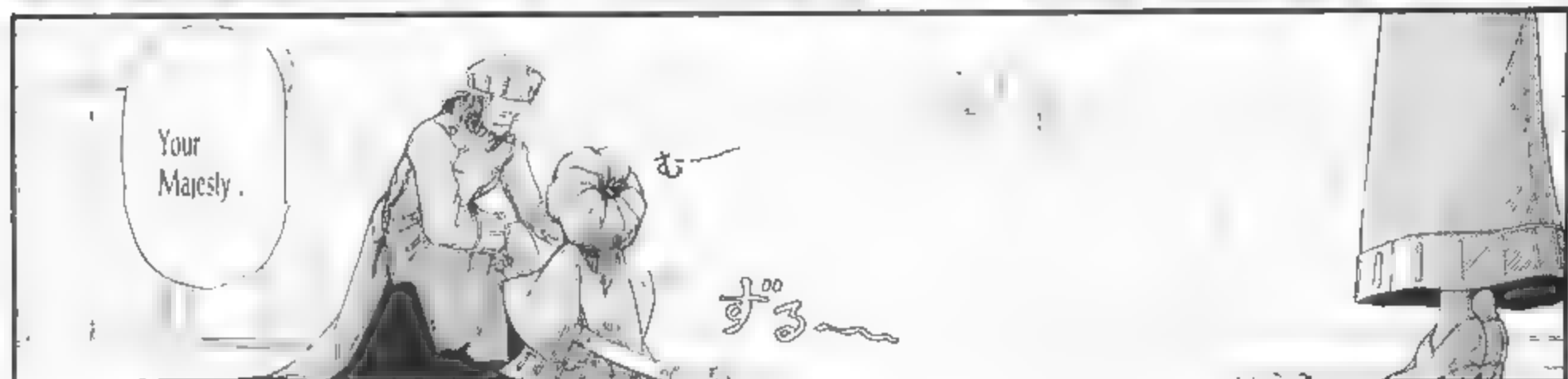
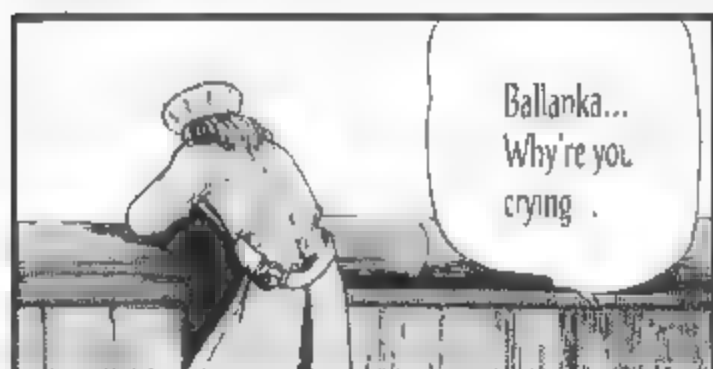


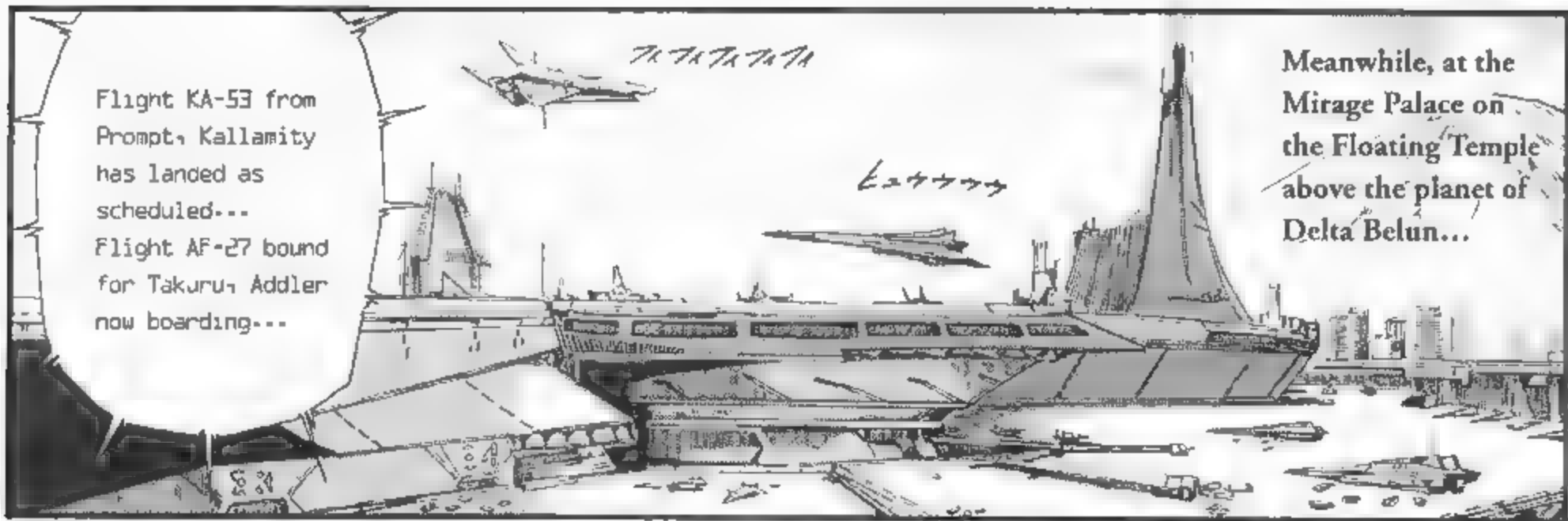
Jüno... Joker's youngest planet... then and now .. Essentially, it remains in a mesozoic state. The attempts to alter its ecology and climate to human needs have had no permanent effects, for the more human civilization declined on the planet, the more the ecology reverted to its original natural beauty and vitality. All the vestiges of the former grand engineering projects designed to rearrange and reform whole continents for the purpose of maximum natural resource exploitation, economic development, cultural and esthetic taste, war, religious euphoria, etc. are now all buried far below the continental crust, liquefied in its magma. No matter how its human inhabitants were driven by their hopes and dreams, greed and anger, war and pestilence, Jüno would not relent... To the contrary, for those humans who survived the fate of progress, Jüno presents a new opportunity to begin again, to "rejuvenate." Mondo and his fellow Jünoites, the great grandchildren of the Joker Galaxy, cursed (maybe blessed) with only half the longevity enjoyed by their ancestors, may prosper again, and possibly create once more the giants and goddesses who aroused the imagination and ambitions of what now lies molten in the bowels of the planet.



Episode 2
Delta Belun 2995

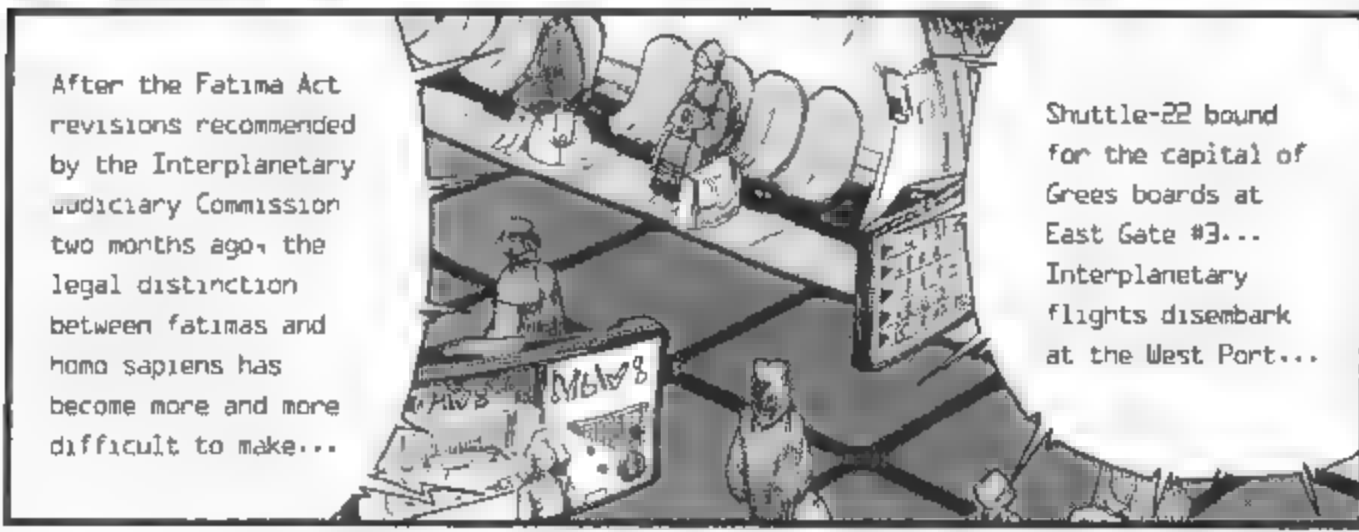
J.C. 2995-
Colus Castle, Rondo
Continent, Juno





Flight KA-53 from
Prompt, Kallamity
has landed as
scheduled...
Flight AF-27 bound
for Takuru, Addler
now boarding...

Meanwhile, at the
Mirage Palace on
the Floating Temple
above the planet of
Delta Belun...



After the Fatima Act
revisions recommended
by the Interplanetary
Judiciary Commission
two months ago, the
legal distinction
between fatimas and
homo sapiens has
become more and more
difficult to make...

Shuttle-22 bound
for the capital of
Grees boards at
East Gate #3...
Interplanetary
flights disembark
at the West Port...



Tsk...You mean
Kale and Alecto
are gonna have to go
around looking like
housewives now!

The Commission also
proposed that
changes be made in
fatima appearance...
The revisions will
go into effect under
Galaxy Law sometime
next year...



Here we are on the
Galaxy's greatest
technological
achievement, the
Floating Temple!

Well...

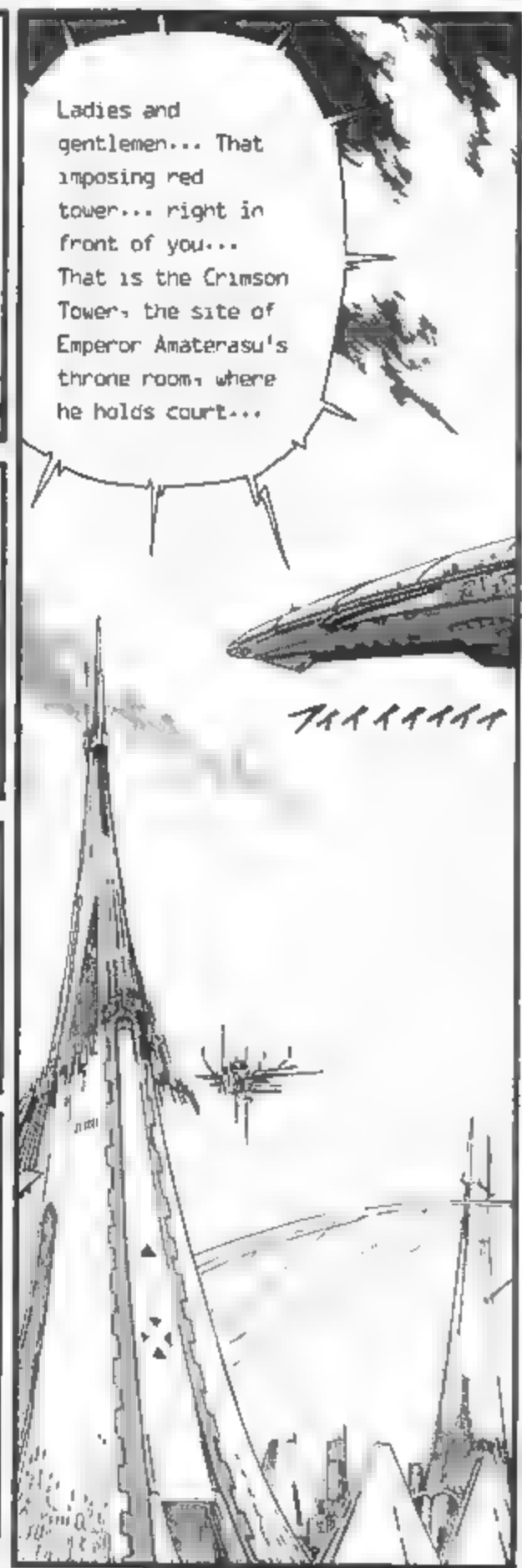
Welcome everyone to
today's Palace tour...
It's a bit nippy today,
don't you think?



So what!!

No! Wait! This is
the departure gate...

Now if you
would direct
your attention
to this...



Ladies and
gentlemen... That
imposing red
tower... right in
front of you...
That is the Crimson
Tower, the site of
Emperor Amaterasu's
throne room, where
he holds court...

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Aaah...

When What a learner about spread raised? The war music too Yeah but she's got rights so The a people's Post Post

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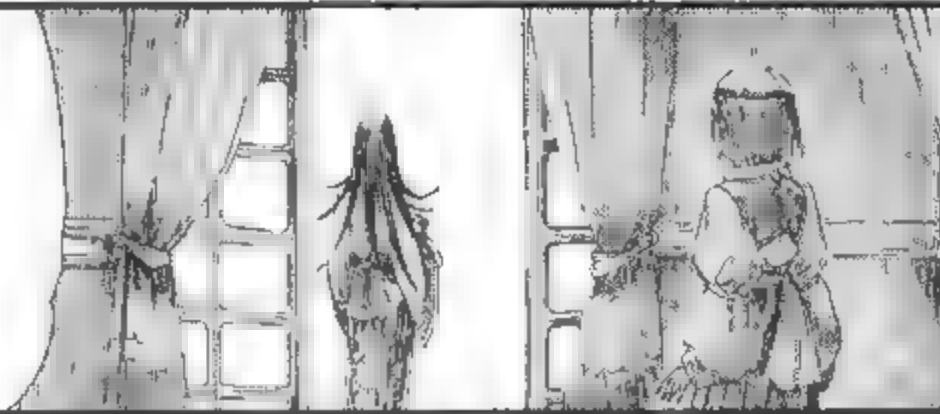
I'd like to thank you
for everything you've
done... I'll never forget
your generosity... I'm
thinking of going back
home

I'm sorry... It's all
my fault... about
Ting... I mean
Prince Shiemar.



Suyene

He always said that if he
ever succumbed to his own
selfish ways... he would end
it in the most disgraceful
manner possible...



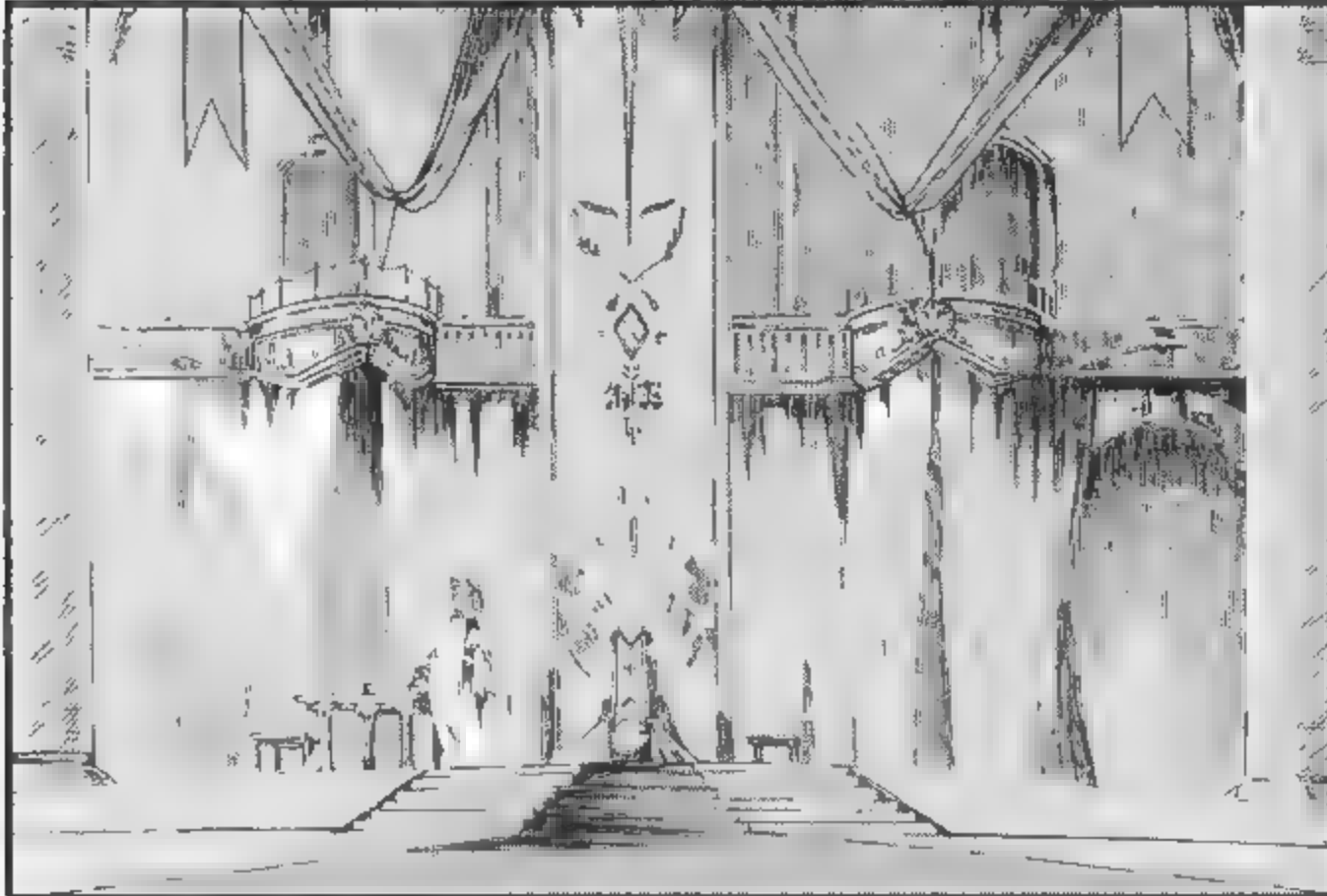
It's not Your
Excellency's fault...
or anyone else's...
He came to his
own decision...

No.

Thinking only
about himself...
to the very end...



Suicide ..





Welcome back,
Shane. You served
us well as the
ambassador to
Colus over the
past six years.

I've returned,
Your Majesty.

The cold must
have been a
surprise after the
climes of Jūno.

It's winter
here...

The Empress...
I would like to
pay my regards...

I am so grateful for
all of the special
consideration you
both have shown
me over the years...

.....


I'm afraid she's
gone down below to
do some shopping
for the New Year...
with Spector... of all
people...



For someone like me
who has pledged her
life to Your Majesty...
Turning one's eyes...
one's heart... away,
even for a moment, is
unforgivable...

However, for the past
six years, the world has
been buzzing with news
about the Colus prince's
and my romantic
involvement... You
have no doubt heard...

My loyalty to
you has never
waivered... even
for a second...



Someone endowed with
all of that... preferring
to enjoy the simple,
mundane pleasures of
life... I must be the
laughing stock of
everyone in the
Demesnes...

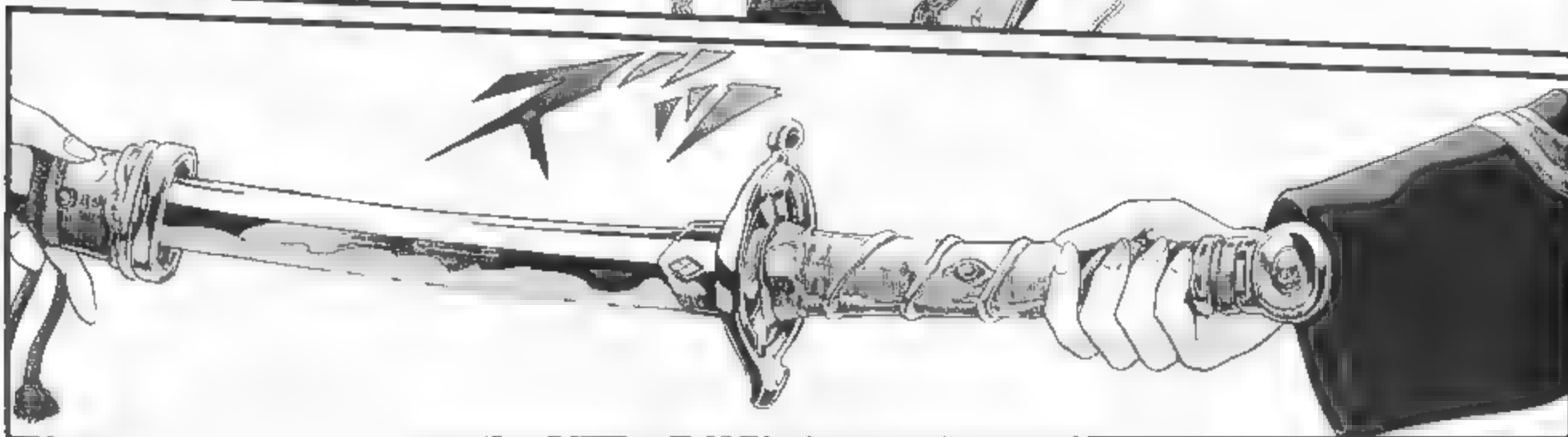
Such insolence is an
insult to the Crucifix
embroidered on my
breast!

We, the headdliners of
the FEMC, who have
attained fame and
prestige... and exercise
sovereignty over the
AKD in your name...



No exceptions...

The Knighthood,
till death do us
part!



This tachi... Tells
of how they felt...
Listen to it...

In olden times,
predating the Galaxy
there were knights who
shed their own blood.

To begin with,
I won't be
needing this
any longer!

Yes!!

Shariel!! What
are you....!!



Farewell,
Your Majesty!



Mr. Sopp!!



It's vanishing!

That's far
enough!

Clotho...

Be on your way,
my violet eyed
chevalress!

Proof of your
knighthood...

My tachi will remember
your flesh and bone...
The throne has drunk
your blood... This right
arm will be by my side
as long as I live...

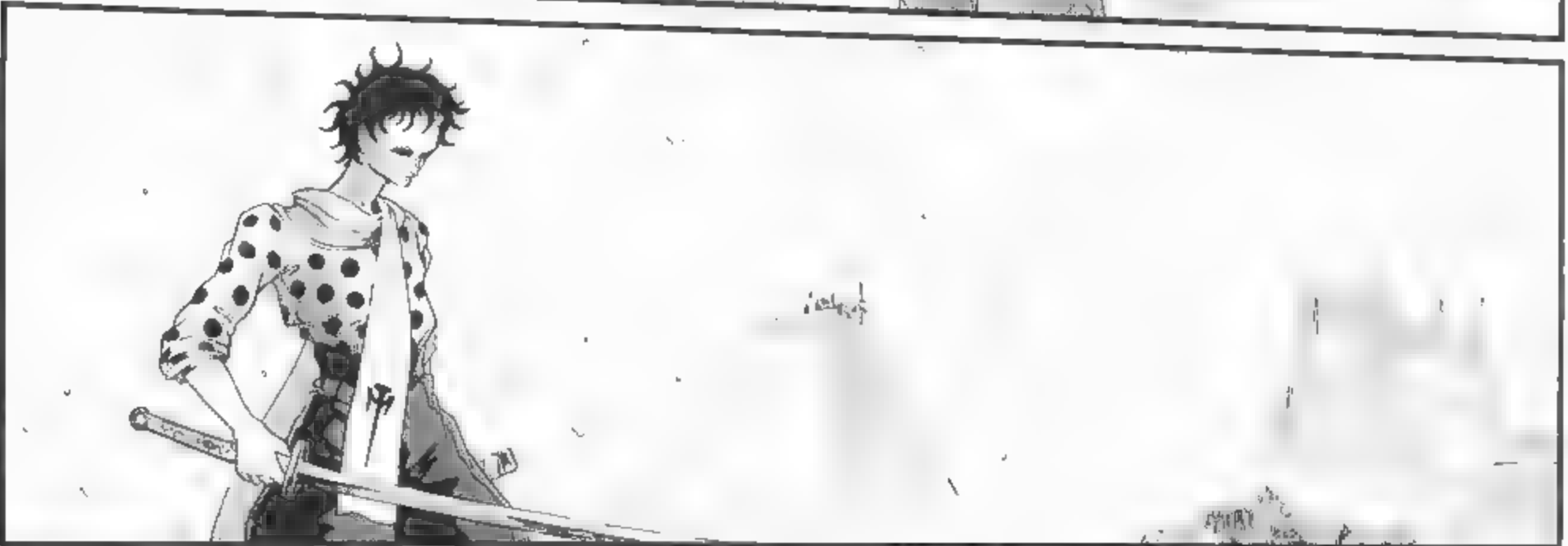
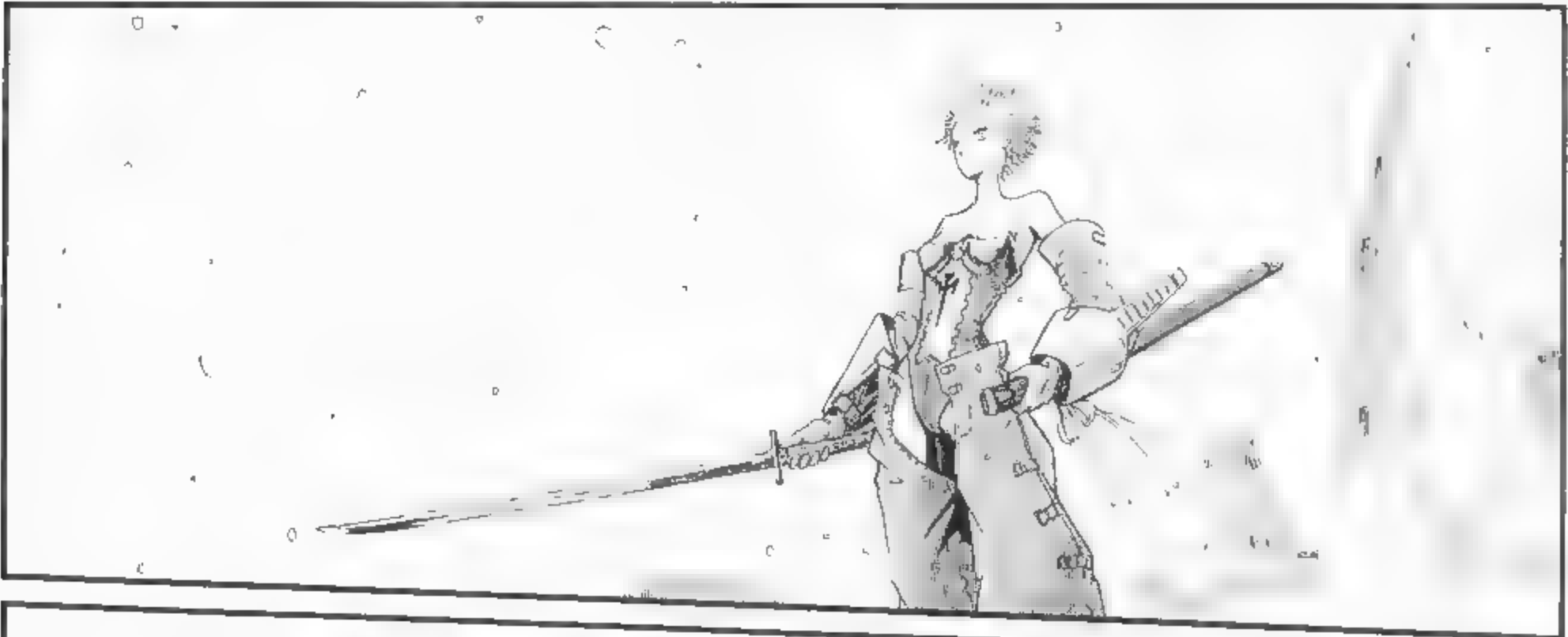
Return to Jūno...
Leave your mark...
Your progeny...

Now here
are your final
orders...

Come over
here, Shane...

Headdliners...
with "cursed blood"
flowing through
their veins...

Look over
there... That's
what you've
just given up...

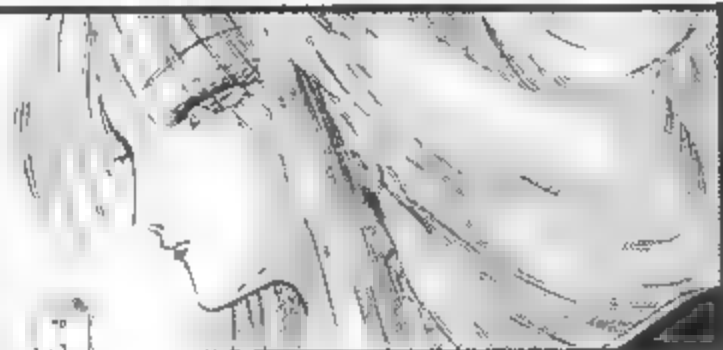


The feud started
three years ago...
Today is the final
showdown...

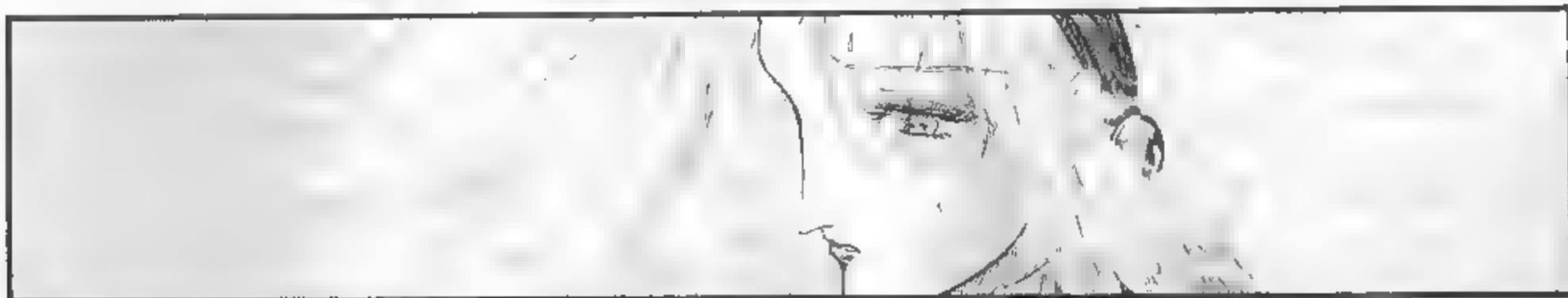
I've counted the
days while my
left arm healed...
waiting for you...
Paison...



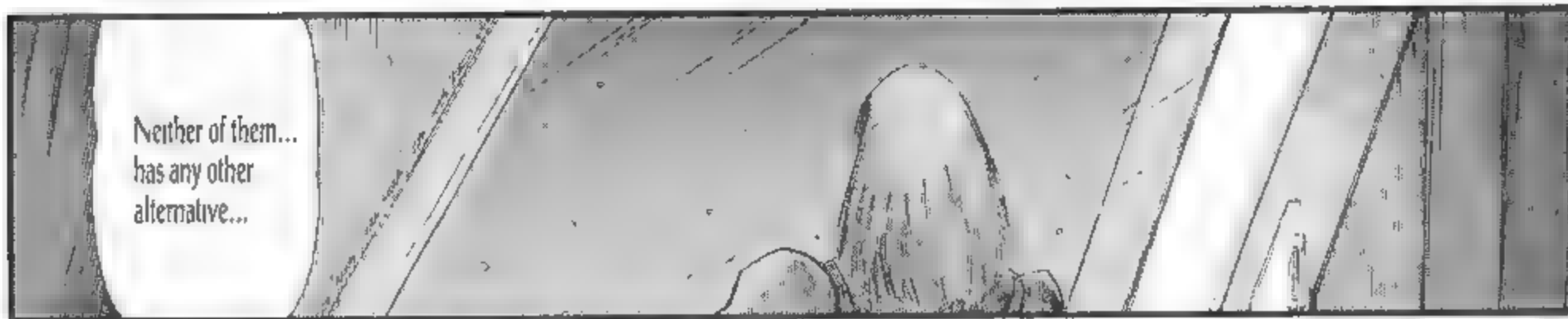
Let them
be...



Lonn...
No...



Neither of them...
has any other
alternative...

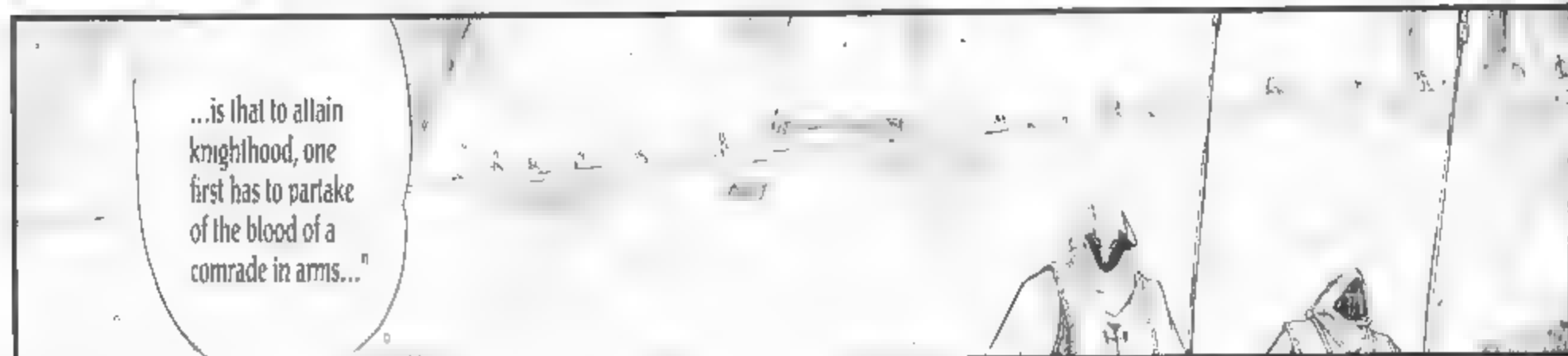


"As to why the
number of head-
liners never seems
to increase..."

The sword
sage Vizantins
once said...



...is that to attain
knighthood, one
first has to partake
of the blood of a
comrade in arms..."







It's been that way
for over three
millennia now, ever
since the time of
the first, Focuslight.

The price that all
chevaliers must pay..
The blood of each
and every one...
cursed...

Episode 3

Kalamity A.D. 8383

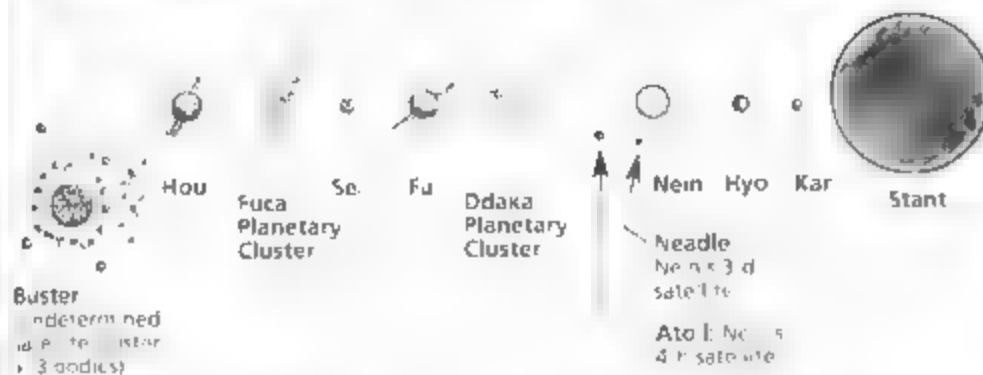
The Return of the Blazing Empress

Another 280 days and it will be in closest proximity to us.

We have confirmed the position of Stant. Screens are being positioned.

The Ill Stant Migratory Solar System

Stant's Planetary System



The Stant Migratory Solar System

A celestial body that for the last 1500 years has been moving in orbit around the Crown Super Galaxy in a course approaching Joker. The system's sun, Stant, is accompanied in its migration by seven major planets, two clusters of smaller planets, and 31 satellites. Stant is a source of a traceable radiation called "black flare" which is visible to the human eye detectable only with astronomical equipment, which reveals an attractive blue light presence being noticed. Nevertheless, thanks to the system's third planet, Needle, which is as bright as a day sun, the Stant system provides observers a kind of mysterious "daylight" and

Those were the days! Adventure and they didn't even have the planetary terrestrialization technology we have. They went just because it was out there, I suppose...

It is said that a couple thousand years ago, space voyages were made to explore it.

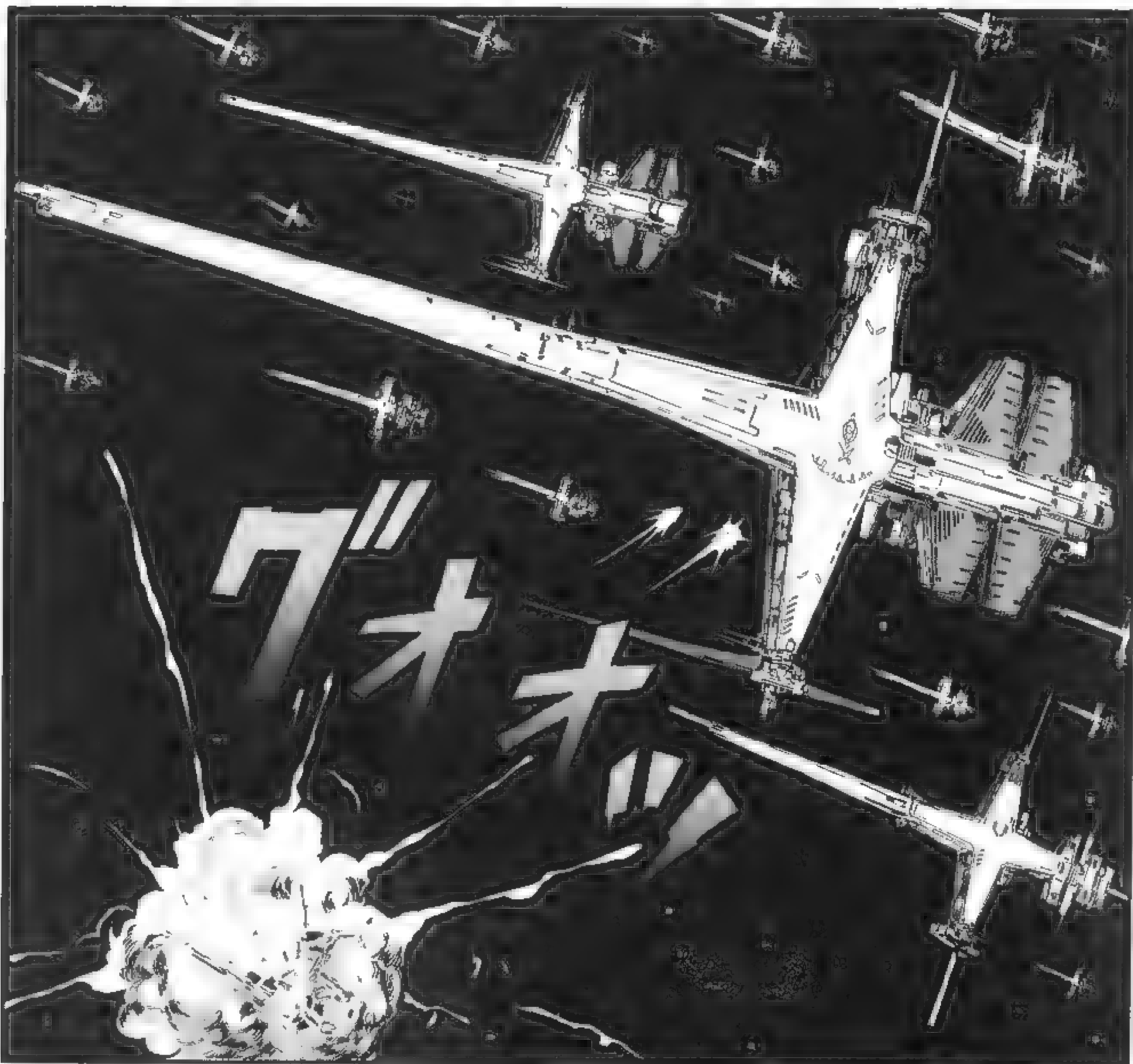
It's hard to believe that such a weird acting constellation is Joker's fifth solar system...

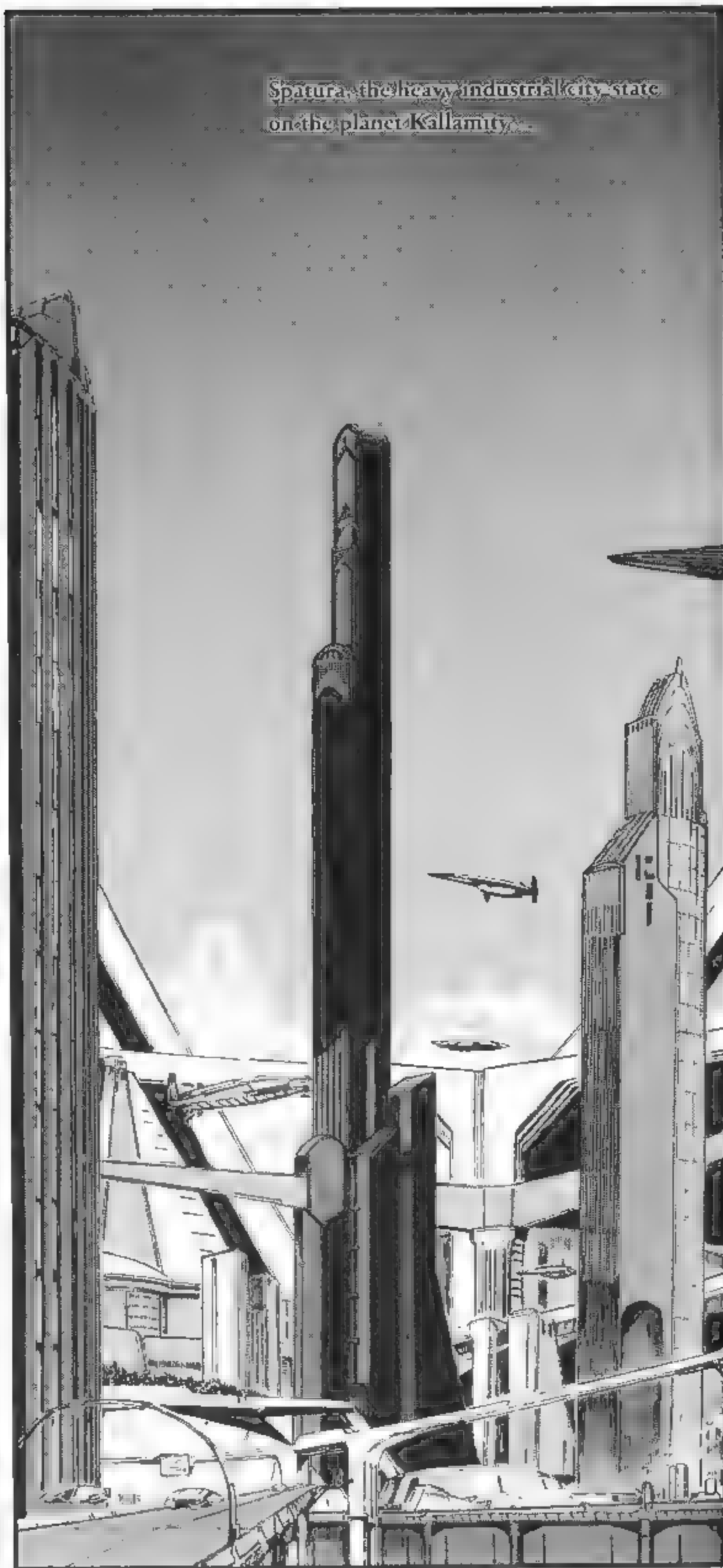
They're firing
on us!!

Captain! Heavy energy
waves are forming
near the station!!

The last time it
came this close
was 1622 years
ago...

No! It's a battle
fleet!! 80 ships
in all!!





Anyone who has not worked for over six months will not be allowed to reside here in the city.

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Tomorrow's the deadline for reporting citizens not involved in production. You'd better be packed and ready!!

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Hey! You over there!

You guys are too much... That's why nobody listens to your crap!

Oh yeah? But what about the people who can't work! The sick and elderly... You can't just haul them off to your concentration camps...

Aaarrggh!

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Low lifers!
You riff-raff
have no rights!

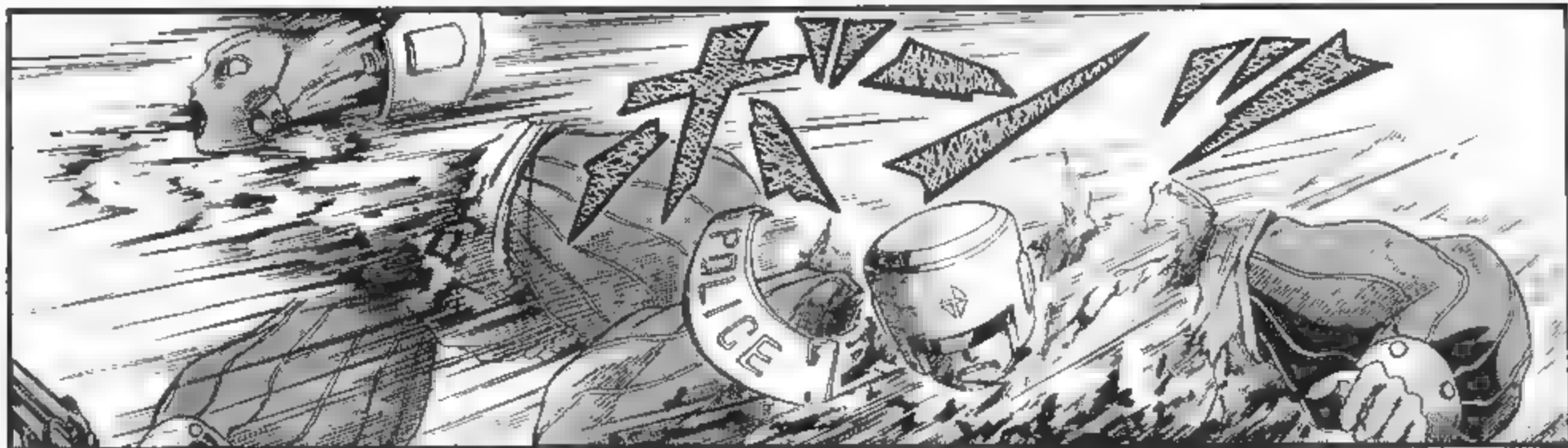
You're better off dead! The hard working people of this town can do without the eyesores and crime people like you cause.

Shut up! You trash!!
You stink like shit!!

Daddy!!

Get outta here!! Go back where you came from!! Spatura is a developed country of exemplary citizens, who don't need trash like you cluttering their streets!

Who invited you squatters to come and live, anyway? Bringing your foreign customs and lifestyles... Stains on our national image...



It's Swans!!
It's really
him!!



There lies the
real scum of
this city!!



Fas...cist...!



Fastidious
fascists...
germ Gestapol

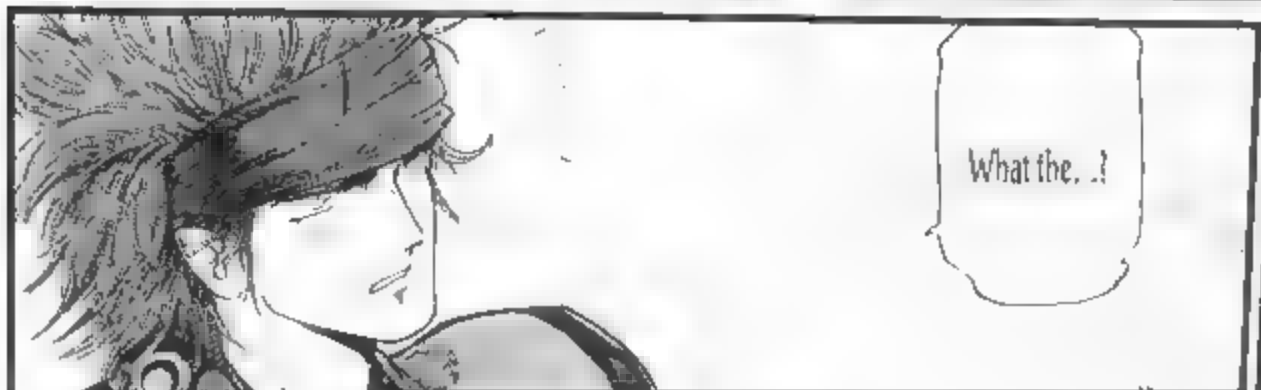
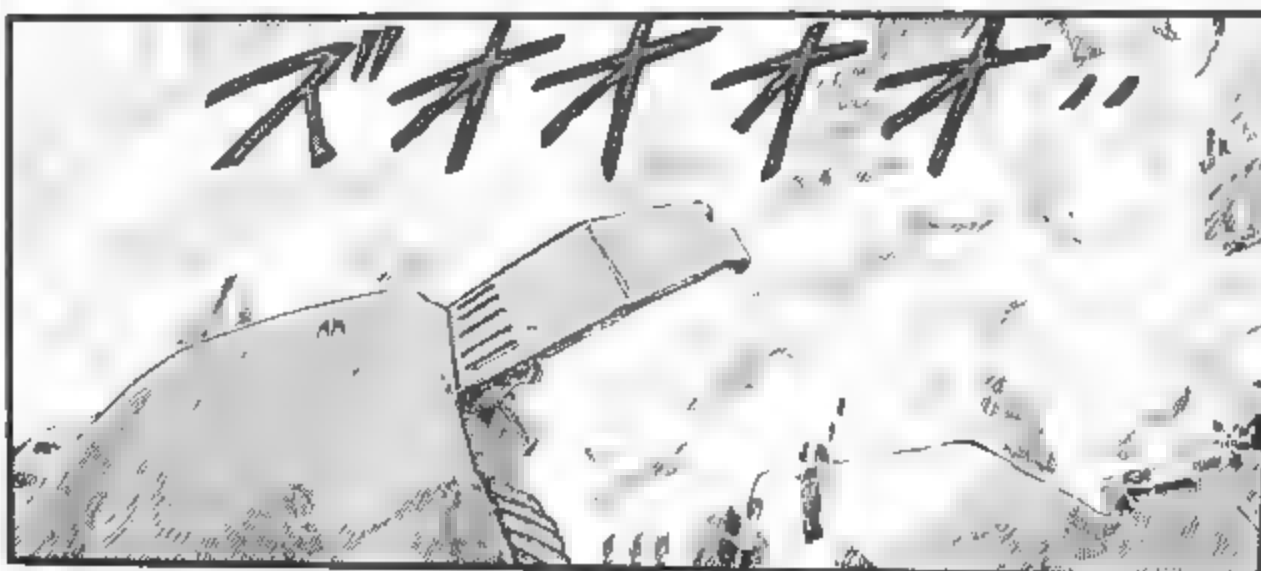
Hmph! Covered with
antiseptic skin, drenched
in deodorized polymer...
No wonder you can't
stand to be out here!



Rabble...
Rou...ser...



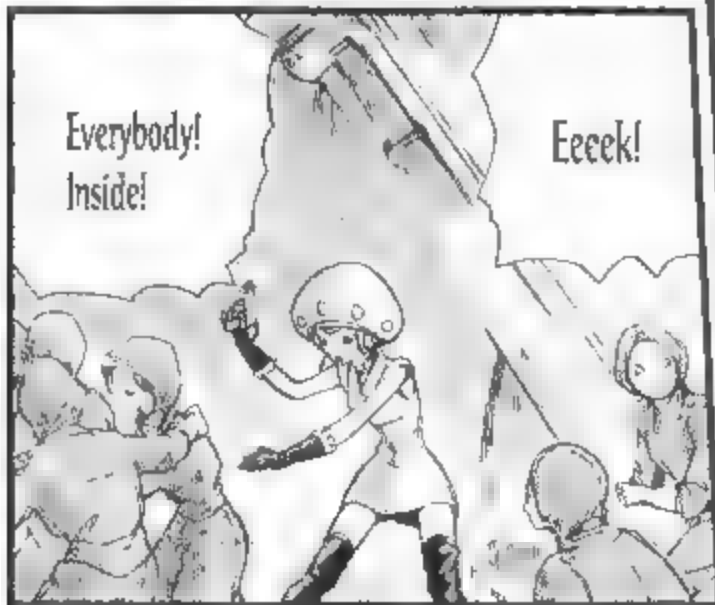
They probably don't teach that
word in the schools you go
to... because it describes you
and your kind to a "T"... The
sacrosanct majority that uses
its power to "cleanse" the
weak and dissident in a search
for what? Mediocrity...





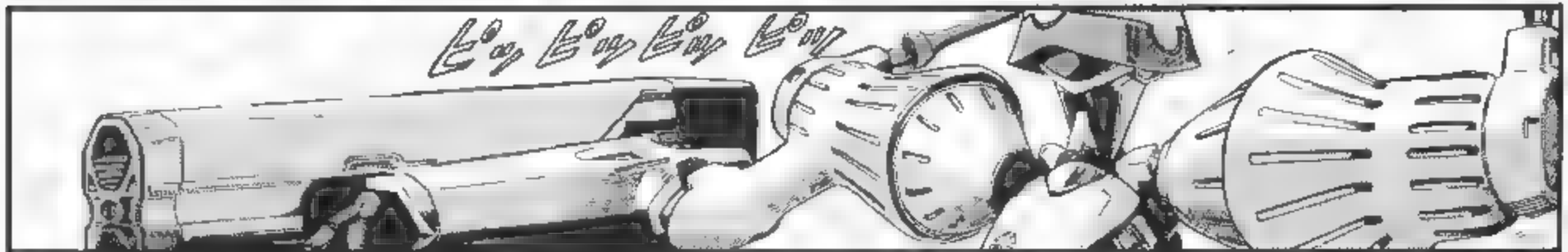
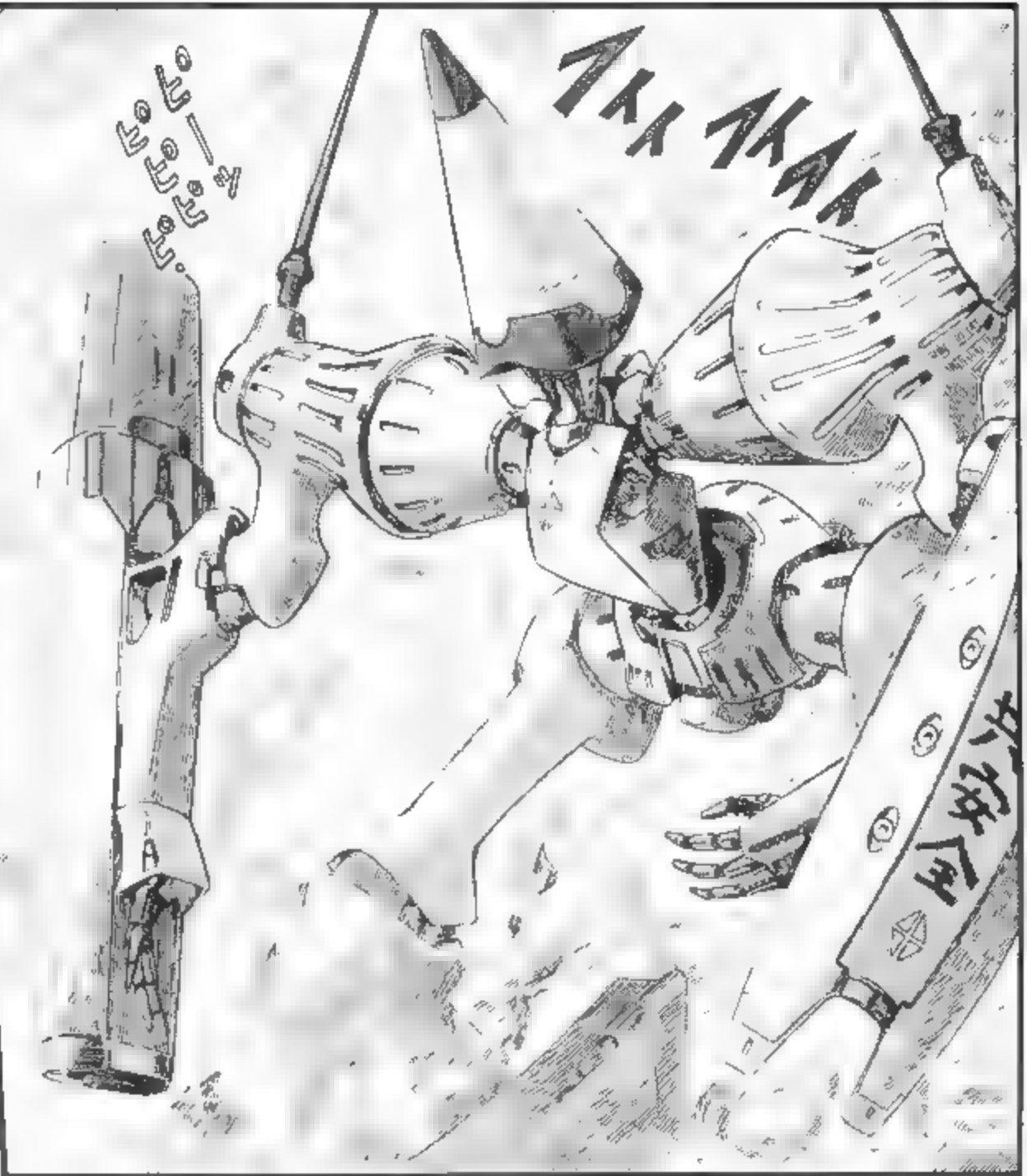
This blaster
wouldn't
phase him!

Hey, it's a fuckin'
Jelidimian! And
he's packin' a load!



Everybody!
Inside!

Eeeek!



What the ...?

自爆?
Self-destruct??

What're you standin' around for!! Get goin' and take those people to safety!!

...Right away, Mom...



Your Fuher Jo Tain, the hibrain,* is trying to use his tremendous wealth and sorcery to gain control over the whole planet...



I'm Ned... Ned Swans... I've come from the Fillmore Kingdom to help liberate those suffering under the oppression being perpetrated here...

There are others, as well, those who have dropped out, those who are powerless, those who can't meet work standards... All condemned under the term "second-class citizen" in the oppressive restrictions imposed by the tyrannical leaders of this country.

Like we witnessed earlier, they are being killed for no reason at all.

Look how these people are being treated! Generations ago they came to this prosperous country in search of work. They have nowhere else to go.

By the way, your sidekick there... Her facial markings... Clearly the work of Kallamity's Melto Thuka.

And they are supported by those who proudly call themselves "upstanding citizens!" They've all gone mad!!

Now they've enacted laws to cleanse the country of its sick and elderly!

Vatsher's cool! Stop hating on her!

So what? Her name's Valshe. A first class Demilight. An information gathering wizard.

Look. I think we've got off on the wrong foot, here... Are you gonna help us or not?

You've gotta a big enough mouth for the both of us! Listen! The cops're on the rampage... looking for some spy... a woman...

I don't know where the hell you learned how to use a blaster... but anyone who can't dispose of an armored robot with one... oolla keep his mouth shut...

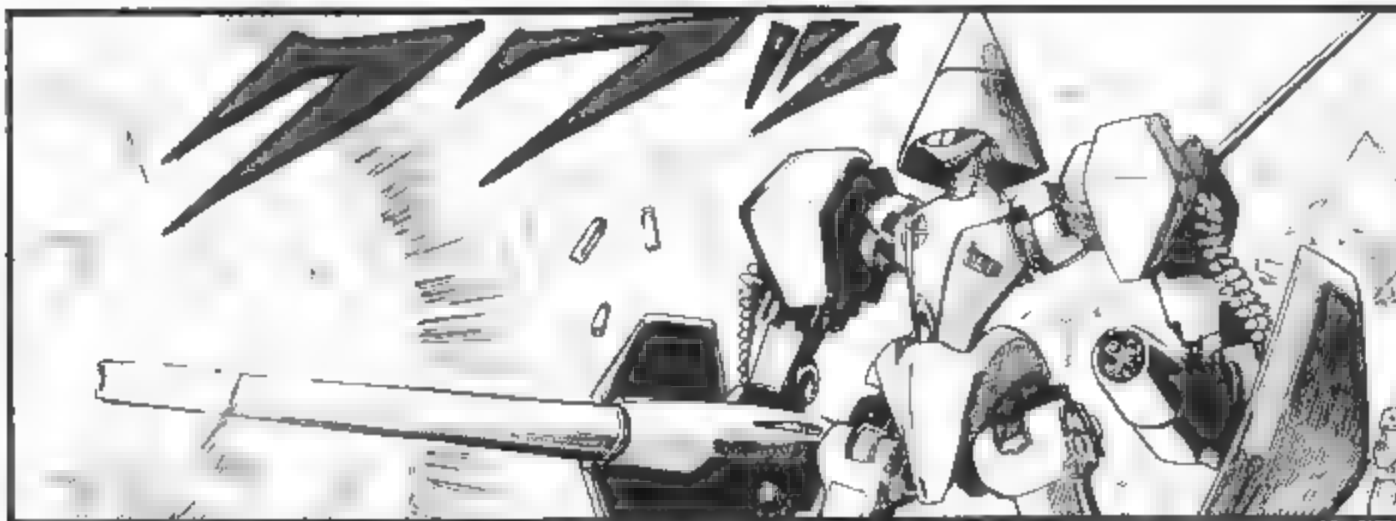
I'm N.E.I.N.

His plan is to march his army in here with the help of Chancellor Jo Taiin and re-conquer the whole planet in the style of the Cluster Empire that fell several thousand years ago.

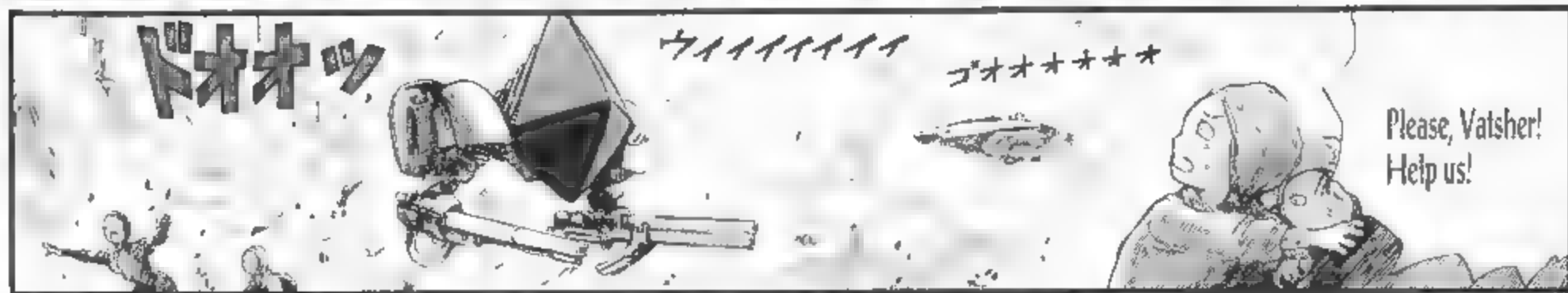
The situation started taking a turn for the worse here when the former despot of Kallamity Die Katze, who was exiled from the Galaxy about 200 years ago, embarked on an attempt to return here.

The Cluster Empire Farus Die Kannarn, right? Awesome!!

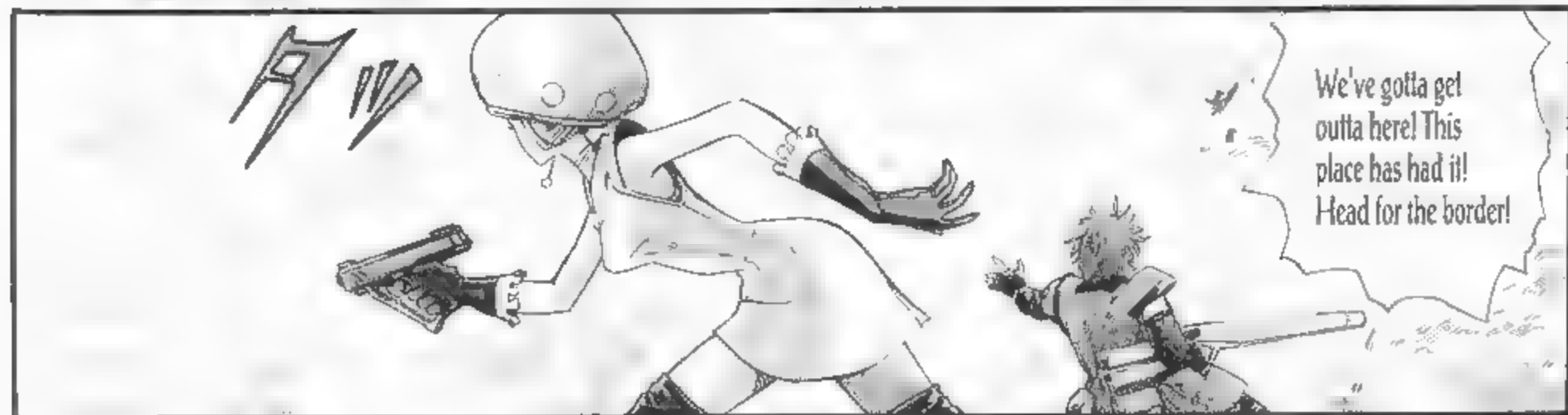




Somebody's got a definite hair up his ass about tearing down this barn!



Please, Vatsher! Help us!



We've gotta get outta here! This place has had it! Head for the border!



Hurry!!

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Vatsher!!

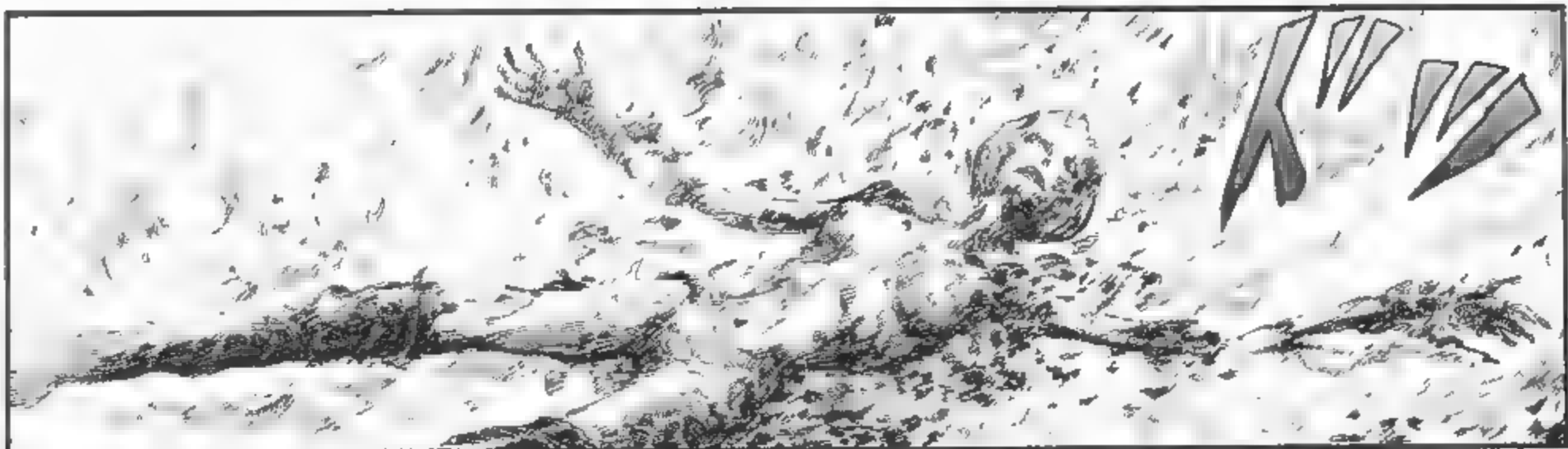


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Mas...ss
...ter...

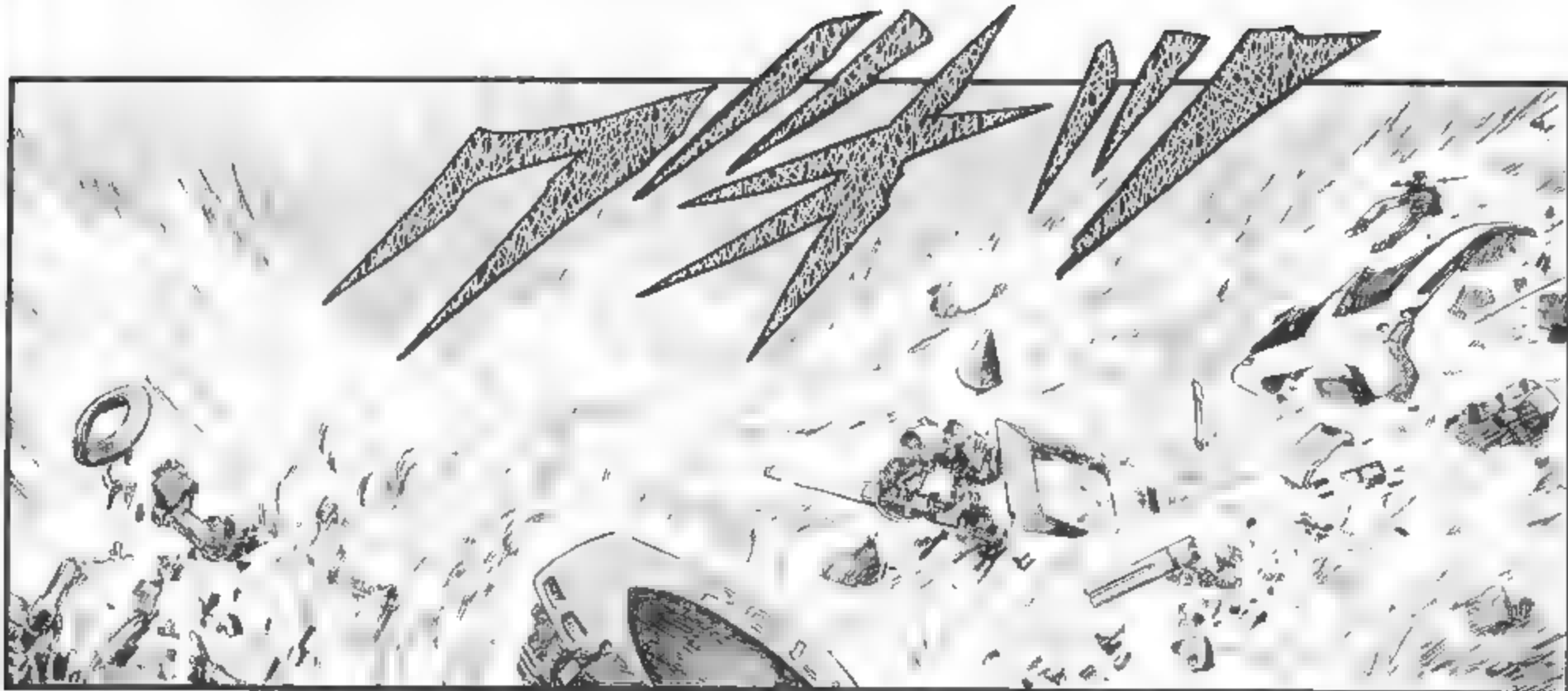


N.E.I.N., the
woman we're
after, should be
over there, too!!



An agent
provocateur!
...Grab him!





Taking out robots...
barehanded!?



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For what you
did to my
Vatsher...



It's a...
che... che...

No!! It
can't be!





A che...
chevalier...



Call in the Army!!
Battle Cruisers!!
The Führer...!! We
need the Führer!!

It's a chevalier!!
Chevalier!!
Everybody fall
back!! Retreat!!



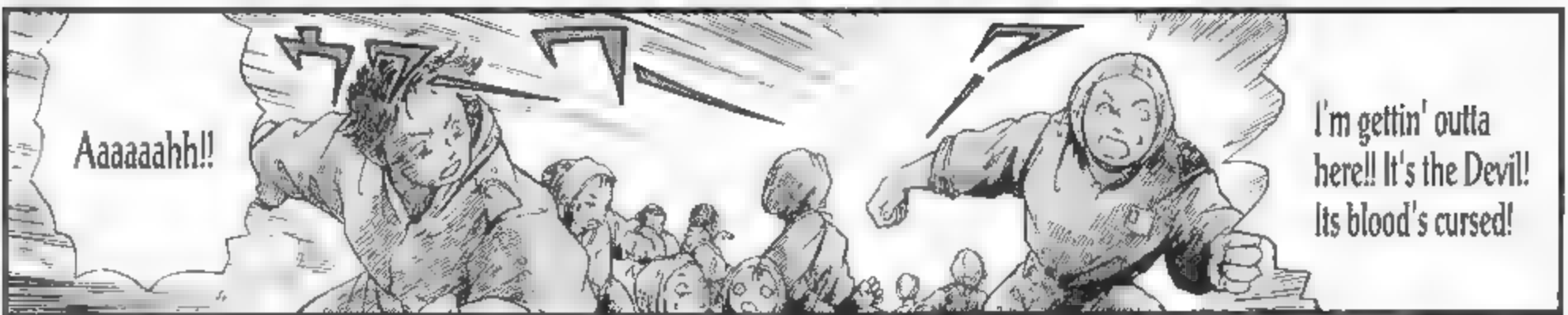
You mean...
Ned's a...
chevalier?

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When he gets
started... He doesn't
care who he kills...
friend or foe...

Did you see
that...? It's
not human...



Aaaaaahh!!

I'm gettin' outta
here!! It's the Devil!
Its blood's cursed!



Well! What are
you hangin'
around for?

When the blood of a chevalier was injected into an ordinary human, it would rapidly reproduce, destroying all the T-cells and DNA... but that's all ancient history...

The Cluster Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction... taking over four billions lives in the galactic wars...

Chevaliers...

The first chevaliers would become violent due to instability and defects in their physical make-up... They were uncontrollable... killing everything in sight...

You're probably right...

That's narrow-minded bullshit!

No wonder they all panicked! Annihilation is all you stand for... indiscriminate, random slaughter... One drop of your blood, it's said, would drive any ordinary human insane...



I was born later, as her last Yen-Xing-Fei-Die-Qi-Shi... I was frozen in animated suspension by the Sun King for over 2000 years...

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Anyway... all the great chevaliers suddenly disappeared 3000 years ago... along with Yen-Xing-Fei-Die, The Empress of Flame...

Today, almost all headliners have been brought under control... our blood has been properly diluted

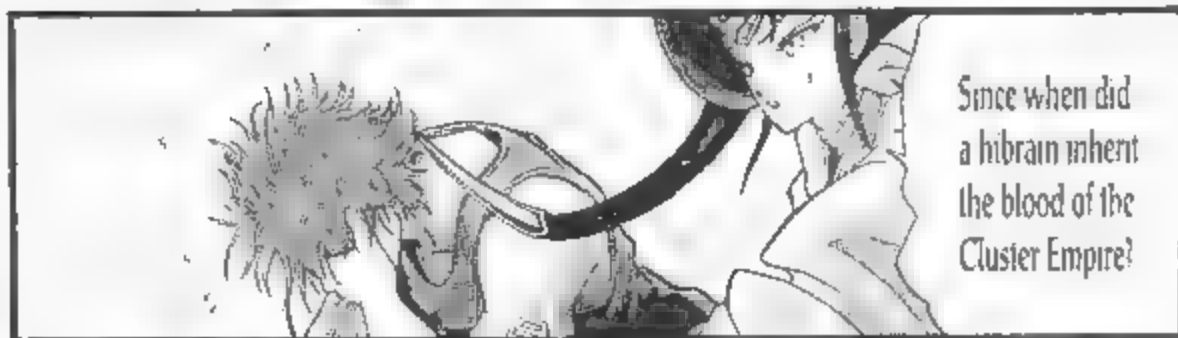
Vjuuh!

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What's goin' on!!

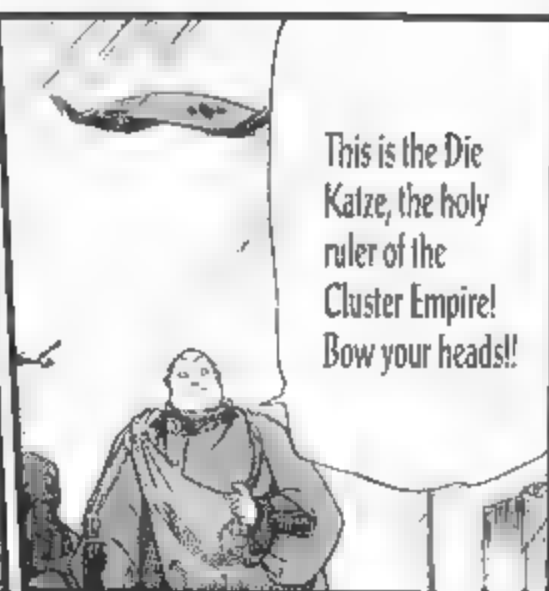
My head... my body... I can't... move!

I'm just like Vatsheer... Never have and never will be treated like a human...

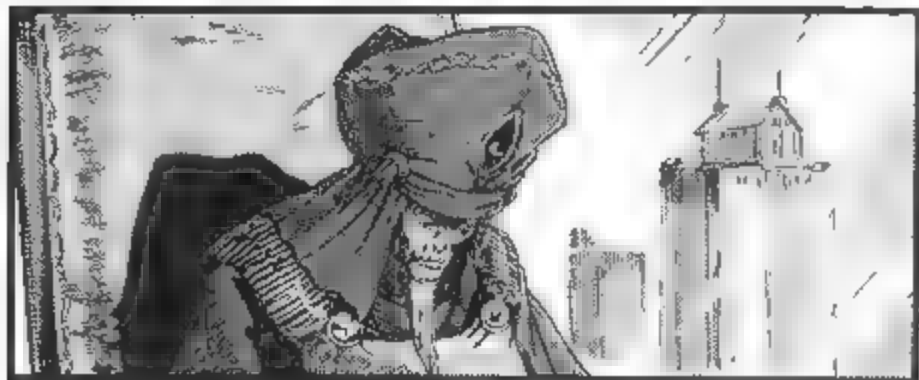




I don't pay
my respects
to corpses...



This is the Die
Kalze, the holy
ruler of the
Cluster Empire!
Bow your heads!!

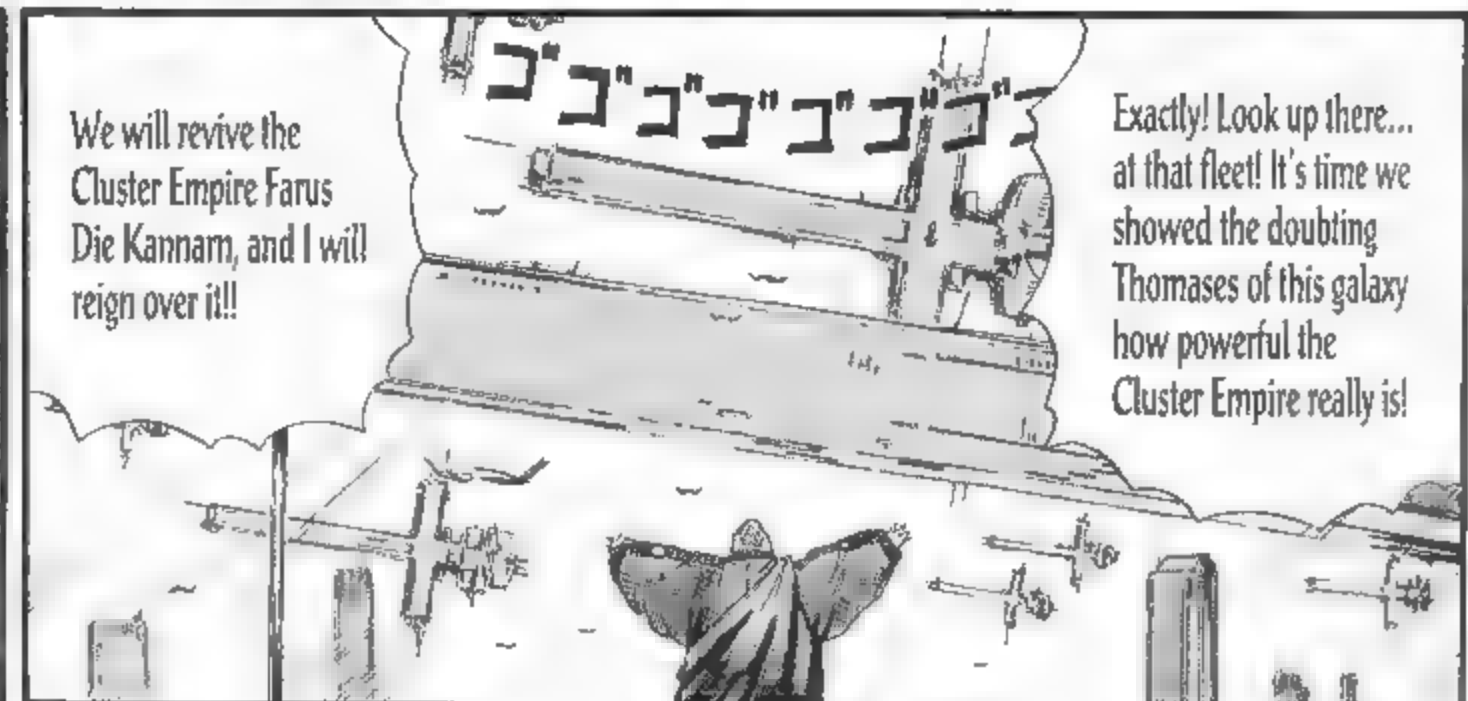


It's up to His High-
ness Chancellor Taiin,
as the heir to the
Cluster Empire, to
preserve the blood and
power of Farus Die.

How observant... Yes,
the emperor passed
away five years ago...
That's why we must
live on...



Tsk! You don't have
the competency to
reign over any-
thing, you fascist
bully!



We will revive the
Cluster Empire Farus
Die Kannam, and I will
reign over it!!

Exactly! Look up there...
at that fleet! It's time we
showed the doubting
Thomases of this galaxy
how powerful the
Cluster Empire really is!



I could care less if you are an enemy spy! It's your impudence I can't stand! I won't put up with such vulgarity any longer!

Shut your filthy mouth! Swans, that's your name, isn't it? Kill that bitch!!

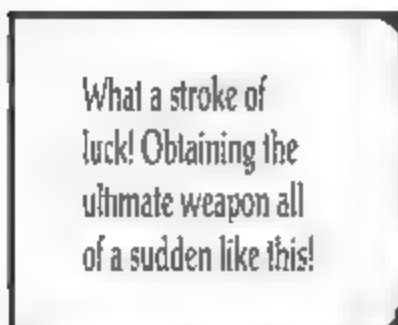
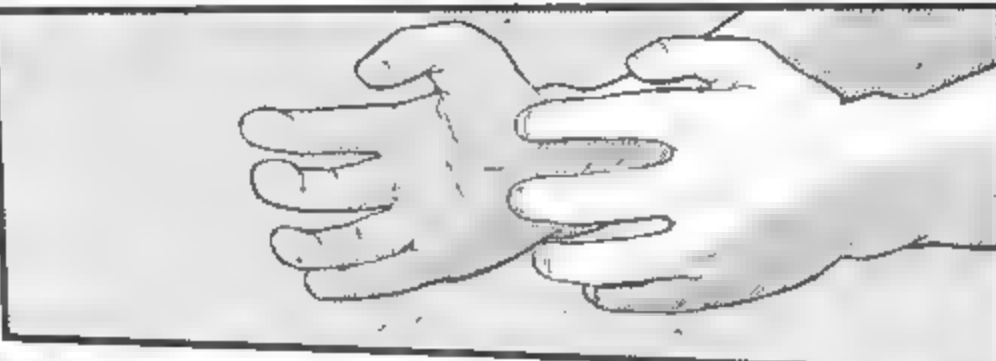


Yes, I remember!! Farus Die's paramount chevalier!! He was even called the man who could conquer heaven!



Swans! You mean... the chevalier of the Cluster Empire... the one who destroyed thirty kingdoms down to the last living thing during the northern conquest... has survived?

Swans! Wait... That crest branded on his forehead...



What a stroke of luck! Obtaining the ultimate weapon all of a sudden like this!



I see the rumors were true about him hibernating in the Sun kingdom...




Is that so! Ho-ho-ho! Swans, heh? Excellent!!



All kinds of blood...
all kinds of memories
are passed on... You
have nothing to shed
tears of regret over,
Swans..

Everyone has it. The
blood of a murderer ..
the blood of a traitor ..
The blood we entrust
to our heirs is never
beautiful nor clean...



Chevalers aren't
the only ones with
corrupt blood...

Swans...
Listen to
me...




We'll... just...
have to...
wait a little.

Your superior skills and
strength will become
degenerate genes...
Everyone will have
chevalier blood flowing
in their veins without
even knowing it..

Your blood also will
soon be diluted... It
will soon be mixed
with the blood of
everyone in this
Galaxy.

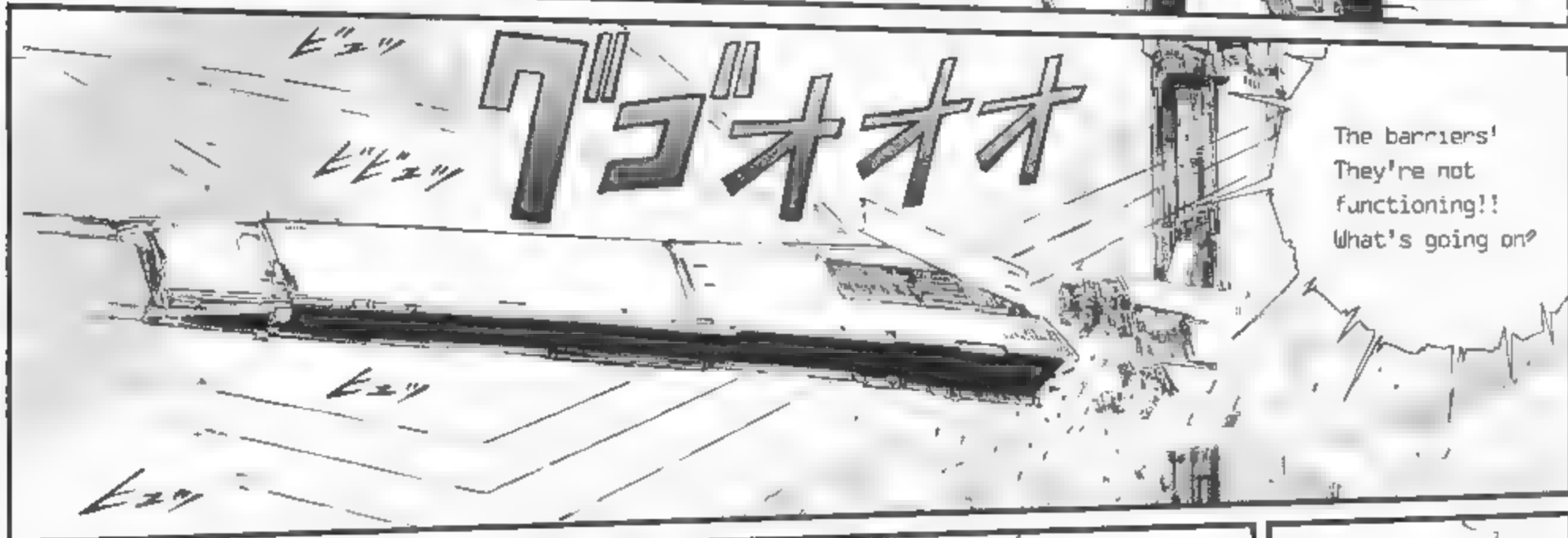
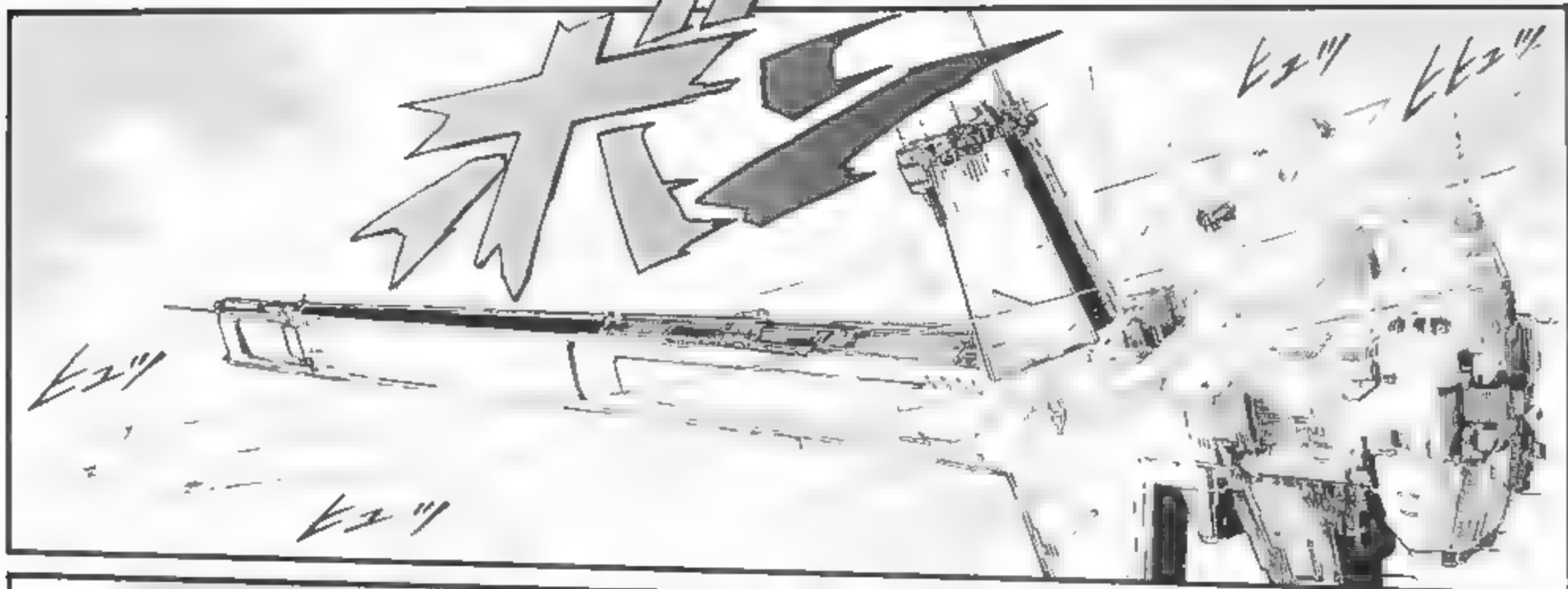


Forgive... me...
I couldn't do
anything for
you... I'm sorry...

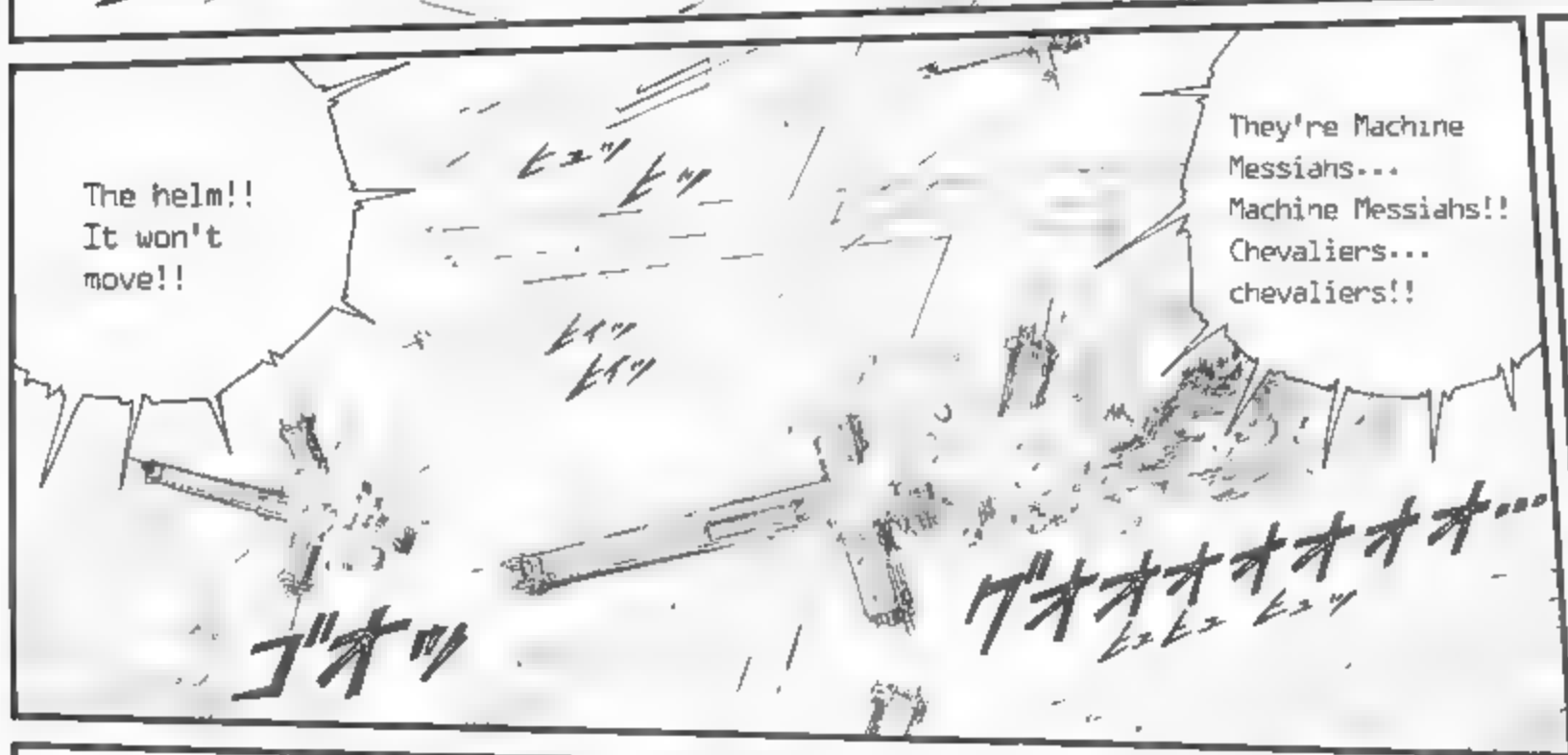


Soon... you
won't have
to cry... any
longer...





The barriers!
They're not
functioning!!
What's going on?



The helm!!
It won't
move!!

They're Machine
Messiahs...
Machine Messiahs!!
Chevaliers...
chevaliers!!

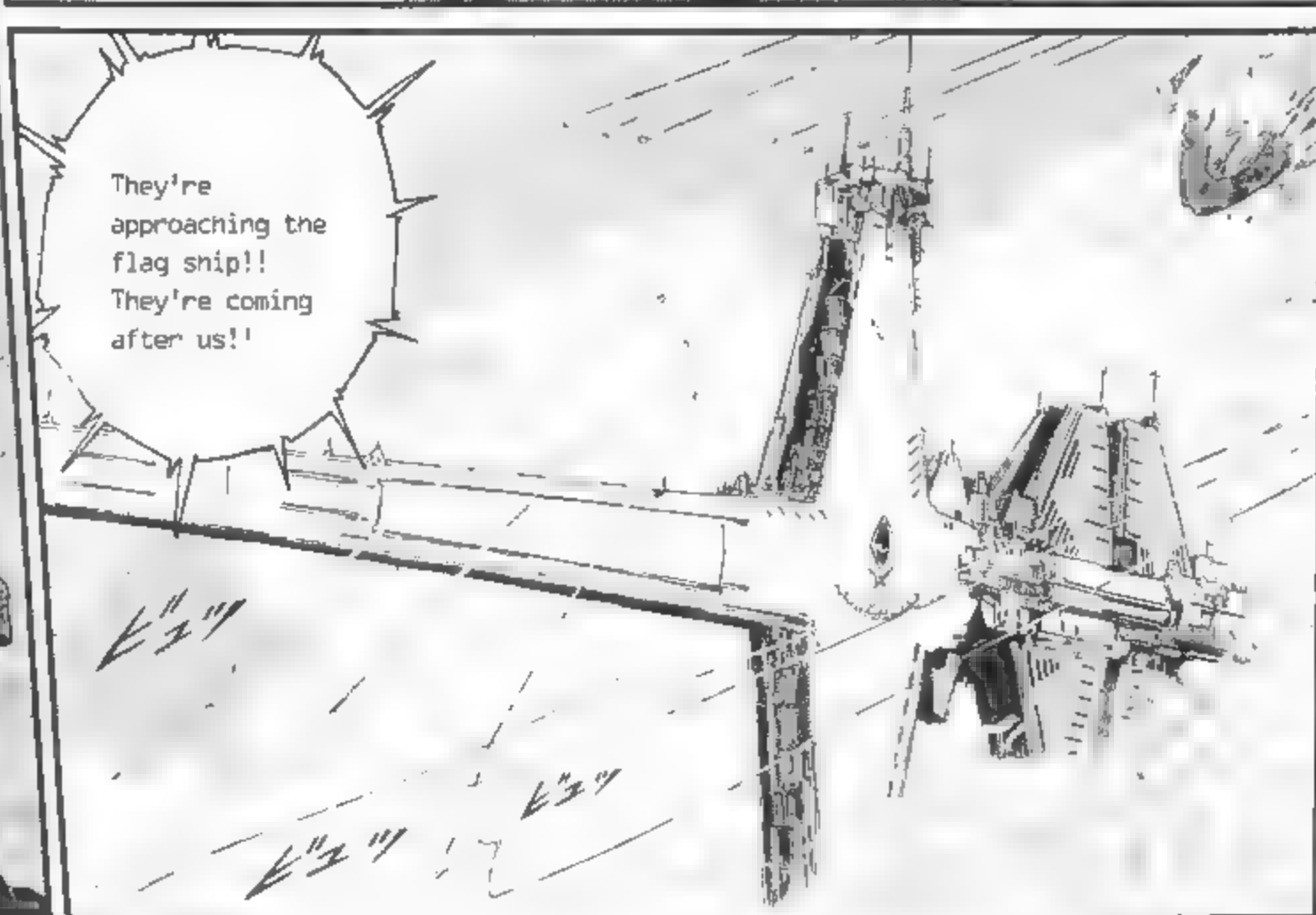
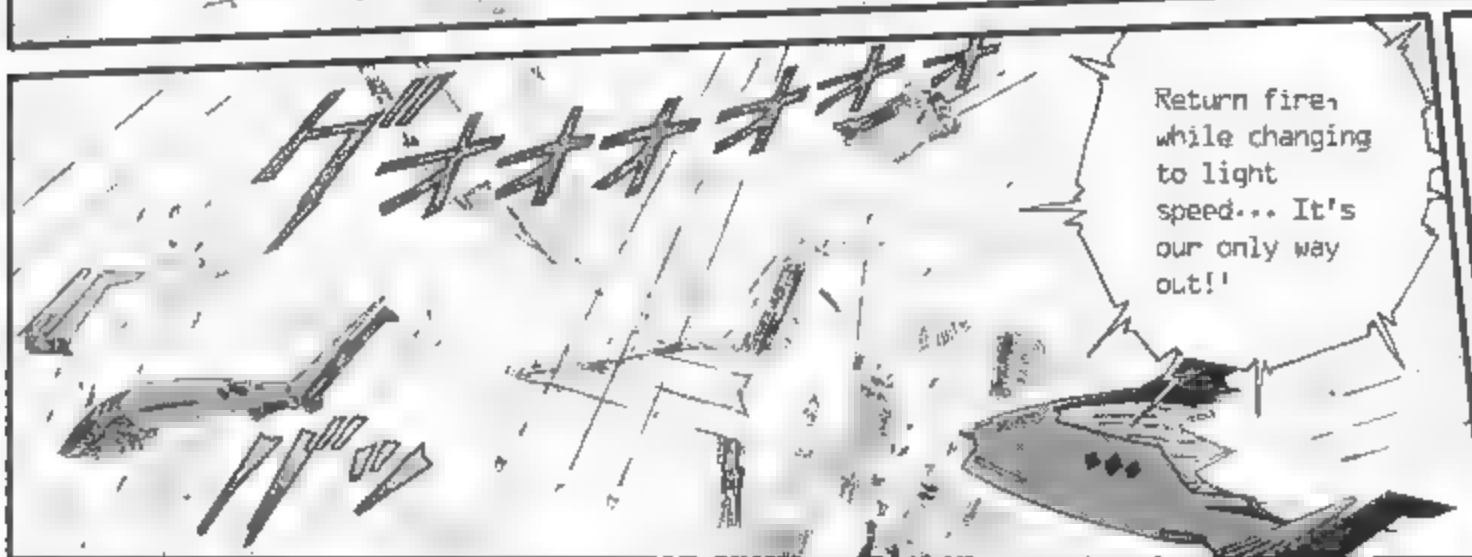
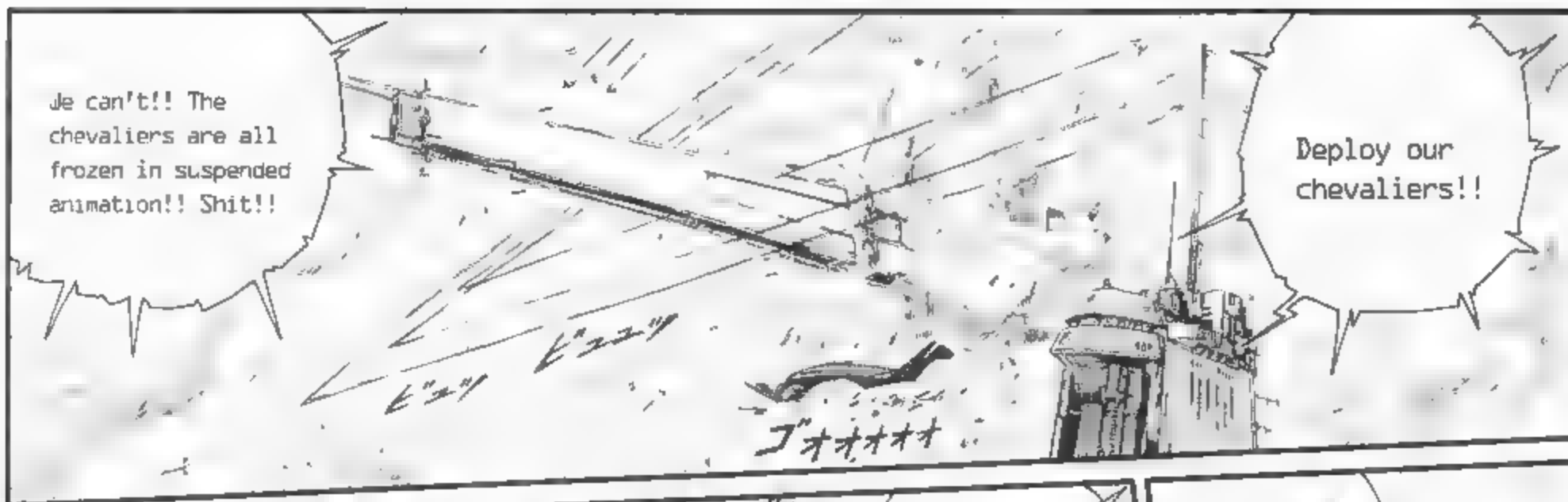
Machine
Messiahs!!



Get me the Fleet
Commander!!

M... my fleet...
It's being crumbled
up like paper!!

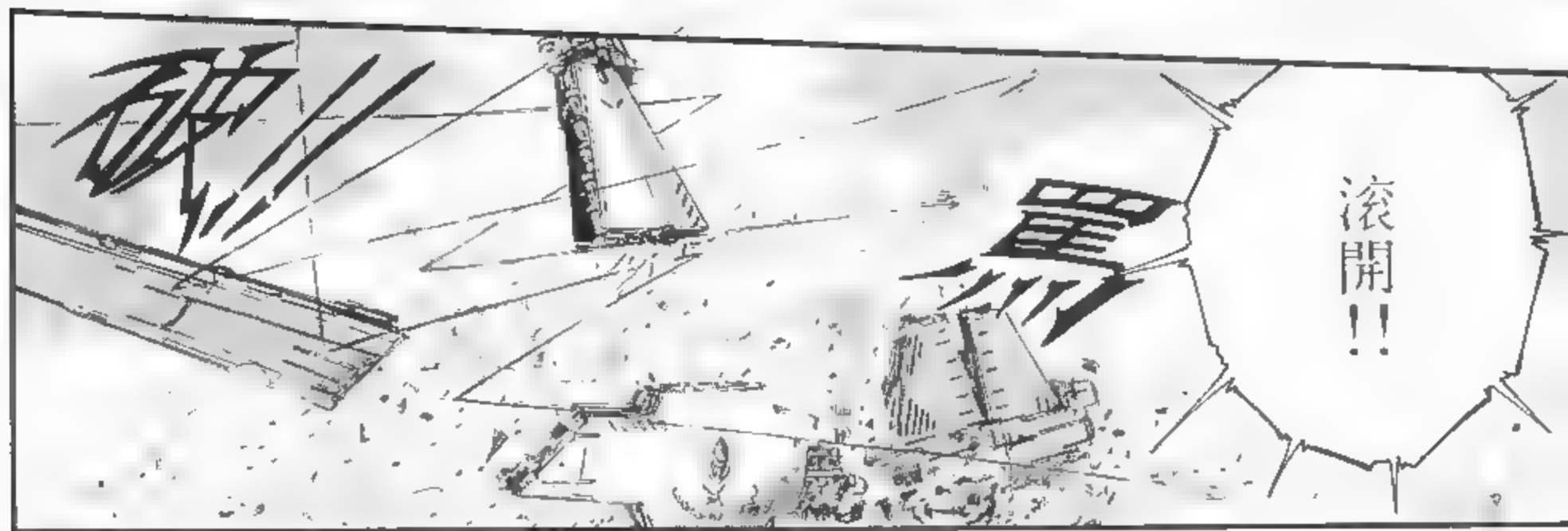
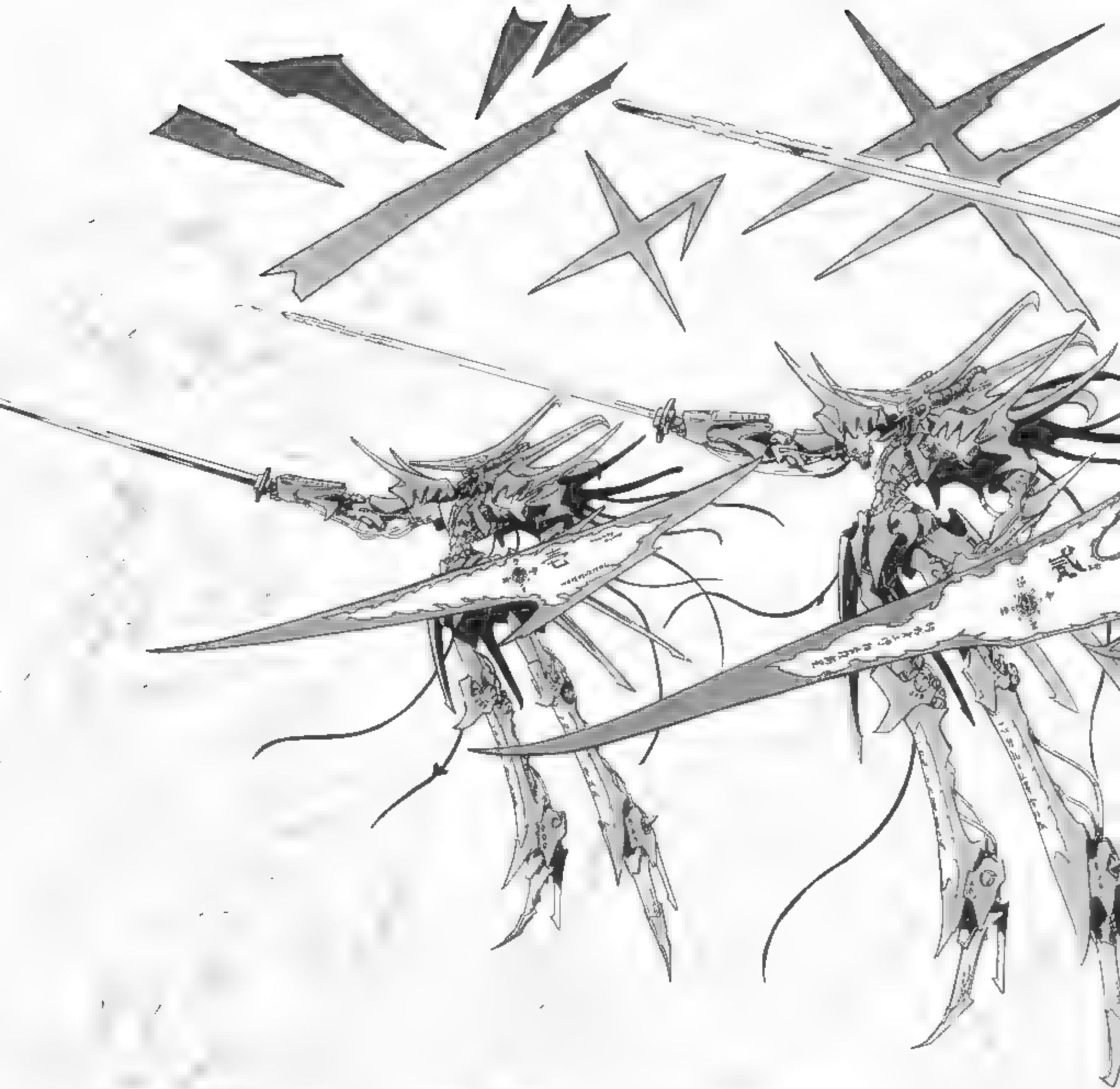






有損神擊之名的
人們 奉燒毀
女皇陛下之命!!

超參
能,能,能,能,能,能,能



滾開!!



得見
久未太陽昇
永垂不朽!!

高音音音音音音



哈哈!!

哈哈!!

哈哈!!

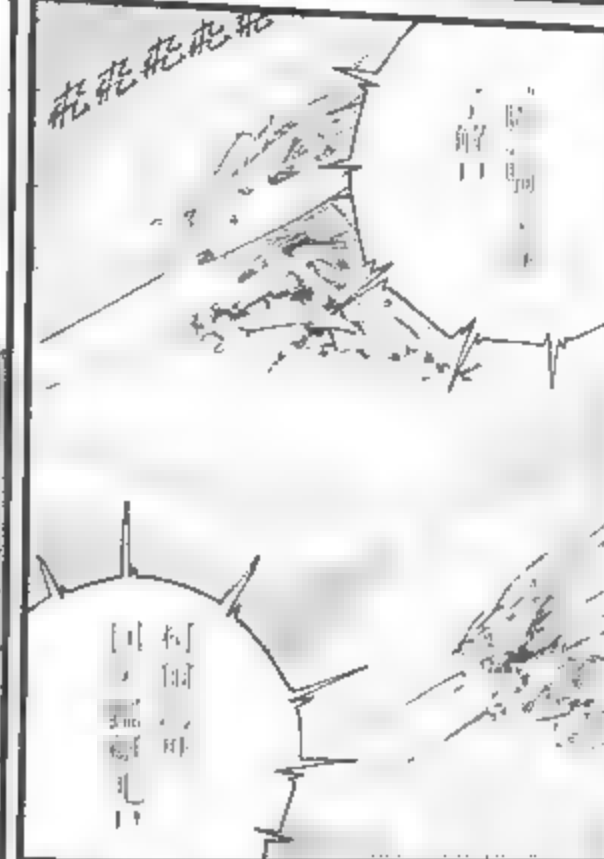
哈哈!!



我離開的時候
還是小妹妹的斯巴
沒想到能再見到

哈哈!!

我就是騎士
團上可金斯!!
恩乃全體人員!!
恩乃星團調別之久



哈哈!!

哈哈!!



They used their lchemy
and hibrain powers to
create chevaliers... and
the ezlaser system...

Yes... I recall now... the Cluster
Empire's imperial family was able
to increase their mental powers and
attain diver force through repeated
genetic transformation and
injection of control antibodies.



...It's the sound of
a... buster launcher!!

That sound...

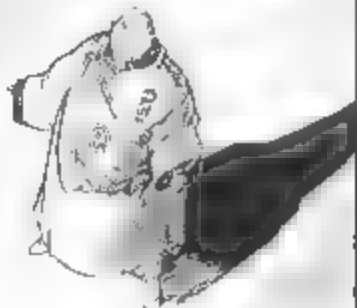


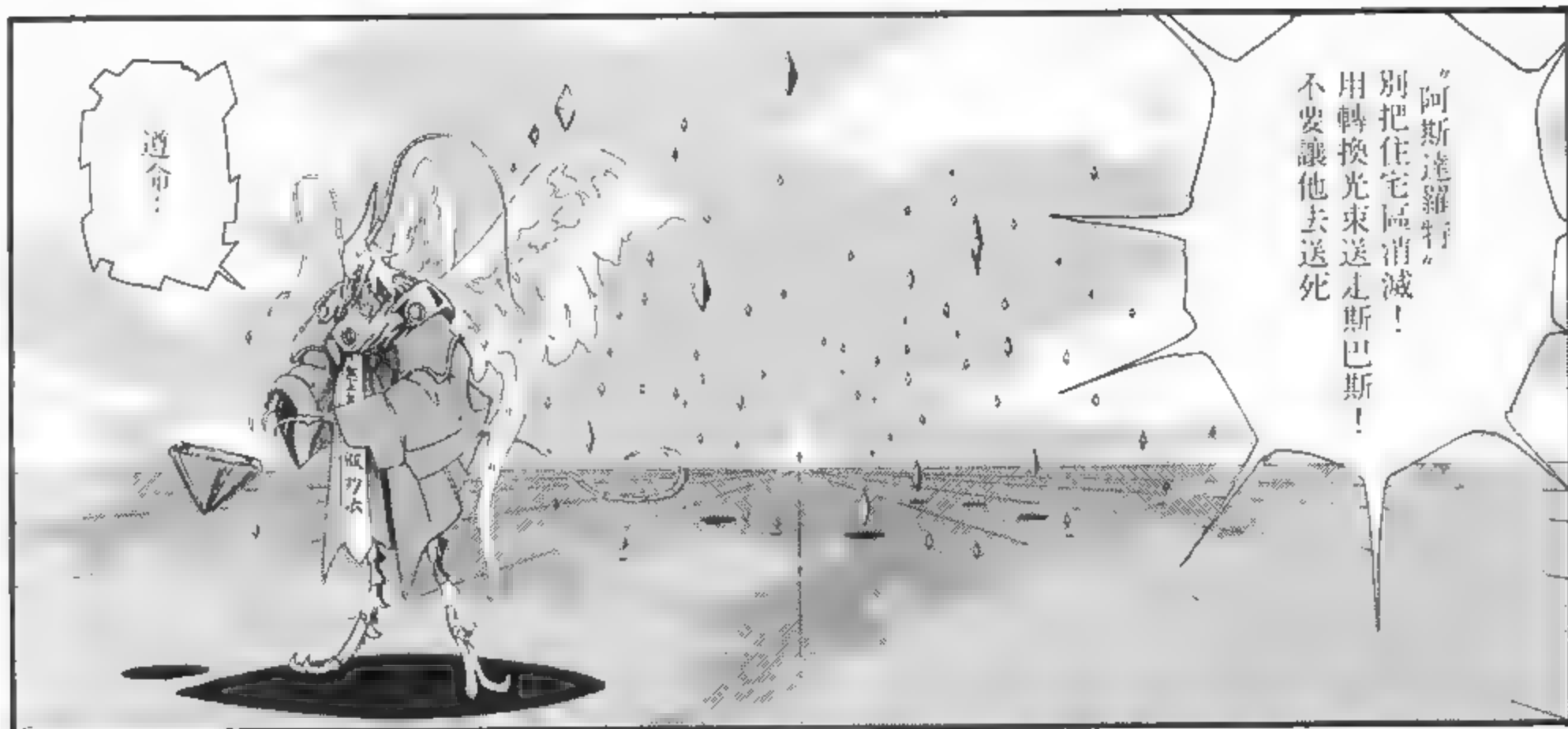
Together with
the Empress
of Flame...

So... that's it...
Ill Stant has
returned...

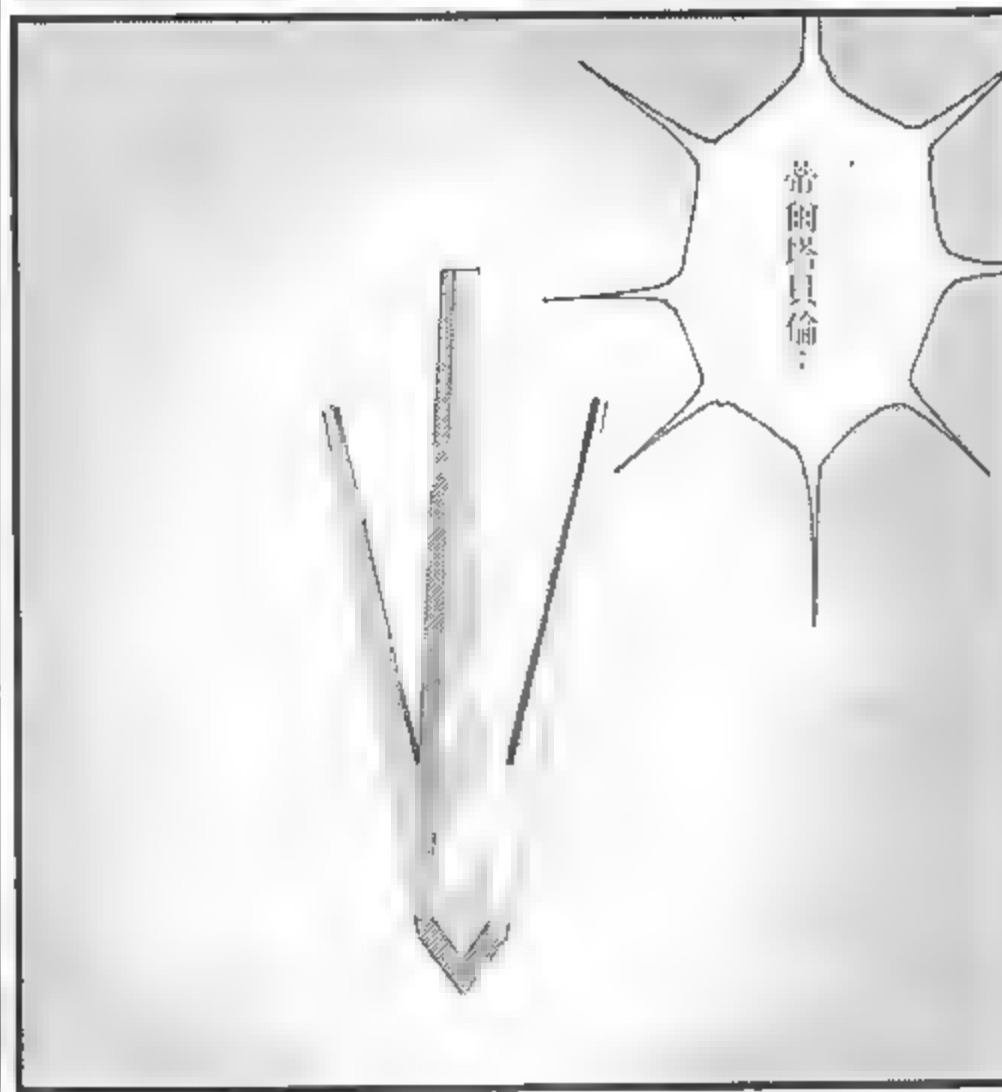


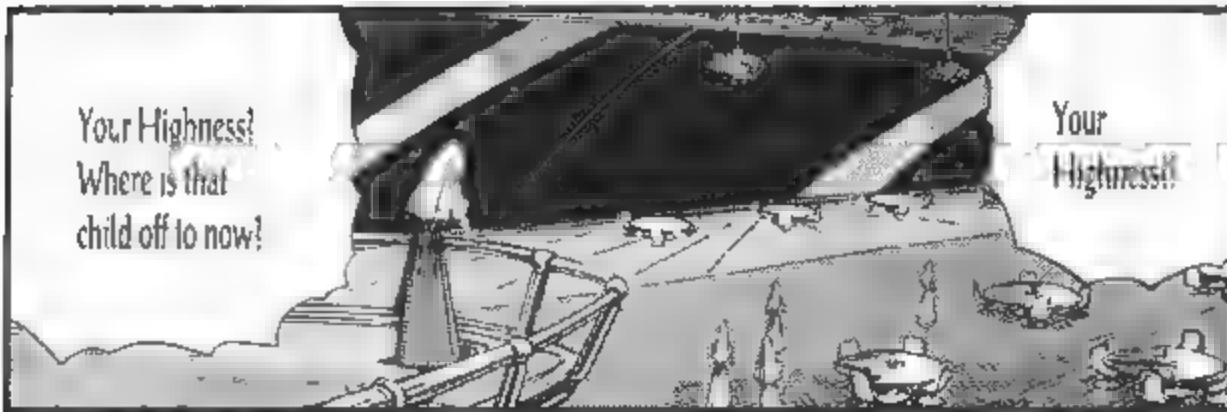
The Cluster Empire's
ninth empress, Needle
Nein. . Why? . How?
.. She disappeared 3000
years ago... when Ill Stant
last approached us...
while heading on a
mission to explore it...





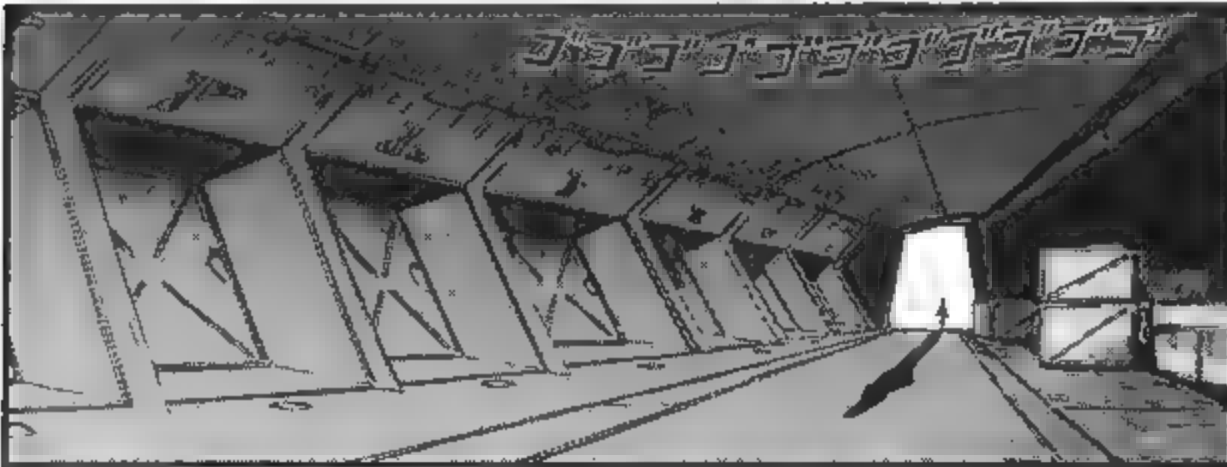
On that day in A.D. 8383, the city-state of Spatura was wiped off the face of Kallanity, together with its heavy industries and prosperous economy. In the time it takes to wake up from a nightmare.





Your Highness!
Where is that
child off to now!

Your
Highness!!



What could
that be...?
I'm feeling a
very powerful
force...



At that exact time... near
Delta Belun, the 3rd
planet in the Jucker's first
solar system... on one of
its navigation routes...



You'll be infected..
by my tainted
blood... chevalier
blood...

Don't come any
closer... Don't
dare... touch me...



I'm not scared
of anything
like that...



Oh my...



Quiet...



We will never
return to this
Galaxy again.

Here... I release
you from hibrain
control for the rest
of your existence...

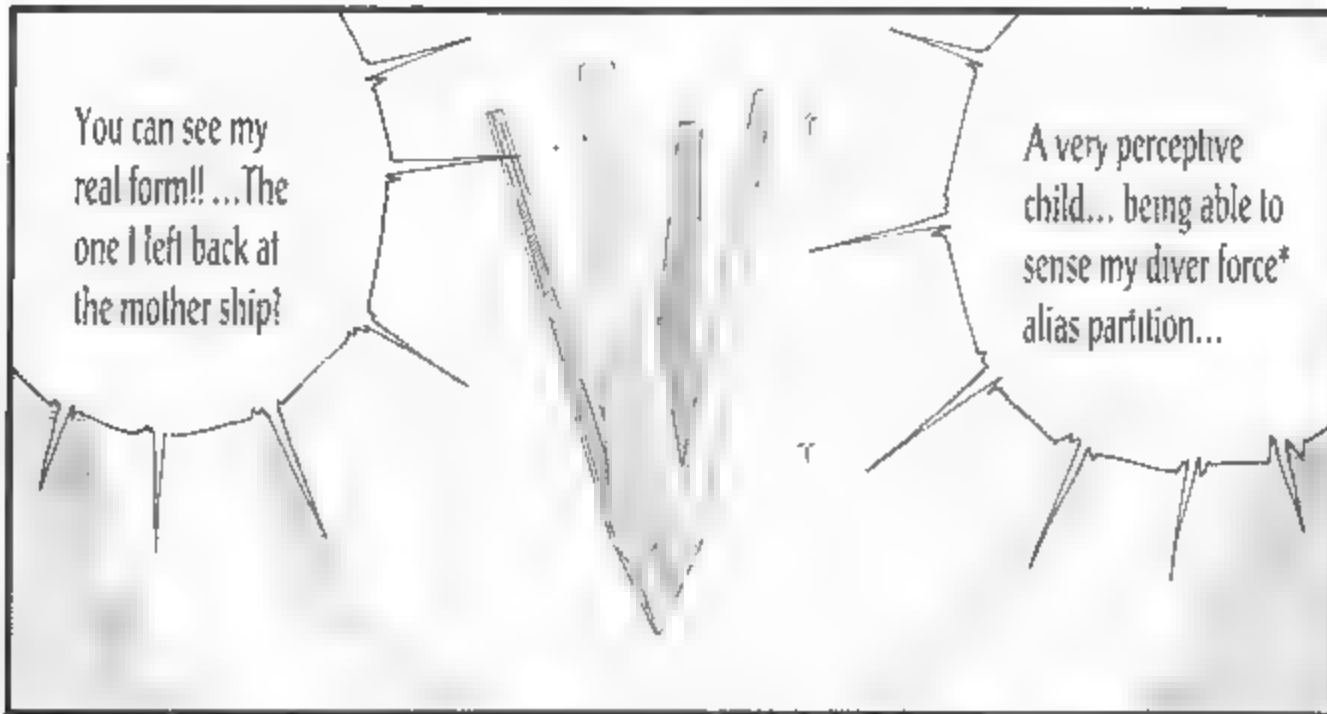
I'm allowing you
to live on... for
the sake of future
generations...

You're free
to live as you
like now...
Swans...

It's been quite a
long time... but
I haven't
forgotten you...

Swans,
I see...





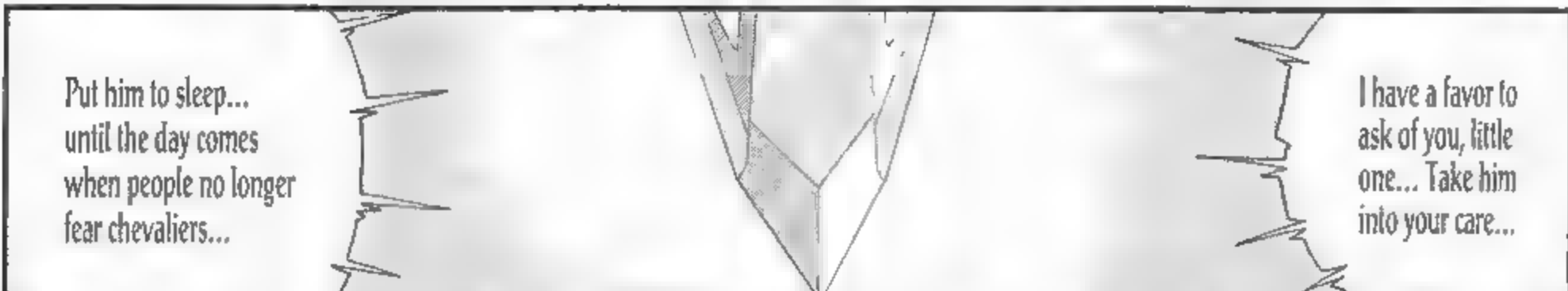
You can see my
real form!! ...The
one I left back at
the mother ship?

A very perceptive
child... being able to
sense my diver force*
alias partition...



Who... what?
...are you?

She's... strange...
not human... but
possesses both
para phimale..
and hi...bram
powers...



Put him to sleep...
until the day comes
when people no longer
fear chevaliers...

I have a favor to
ask of you, little
one... Take him
into your care...



Therefore, no matter how
I change my form, my
intellect and emotions
remain human... I cry
and fall in love just like
anyone else... because my
mind is human, I am able
to use diver force*...

You see I have
transferred an
organic being with
limited longevity
to an optical
crystal with semi-
permanency...

You're right...
I have no
physiological
existence..
for a reason,
mind you .



It contains all the information
from a fertilized ovum. It is
capable of restoring both the
physical appearance and
memories of a human after
his death...

It's a photon chip that
ID-initializes human
emotions, intellect...
memory, experience...
and physique...



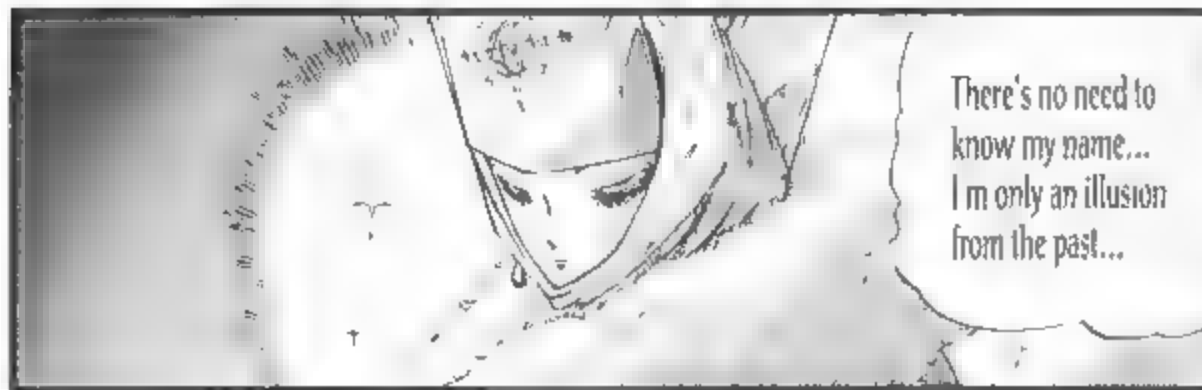
It's called a Daughter...
it's the last blank one in
existence... it's recipient
will be the last one to be
assured eternal life...

It's called a Daughter...
it's the last blank one in
existence... it's recipient
will be the last one to be
assured eternal life...



Here..

*A term used to describe those who either possess all four types of diver power or at least more than one of them



There's no need to
know my name...
I'm only an illusion
from the past...



Who is this
man! ...Who
are you!...

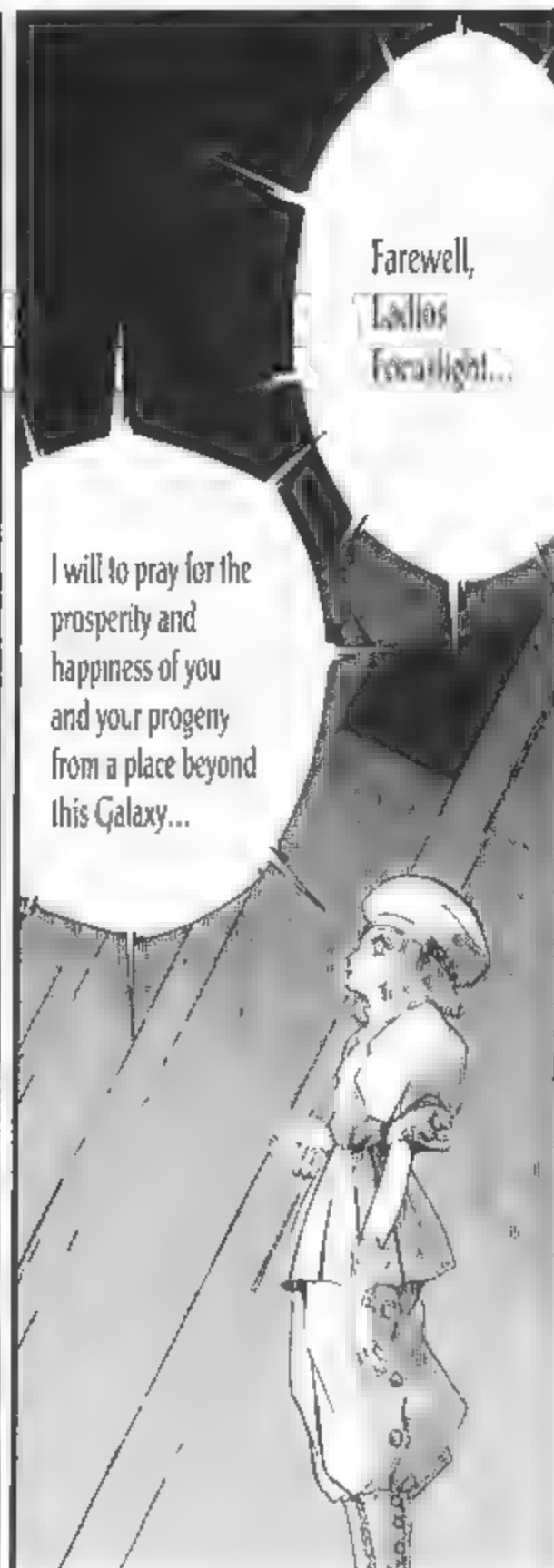


For the sake of future
generations, you can
call him Nakkandrah
View Swans...

As for him... the mere
mention of his name
still strikes horror into
the hearts of those
within earshot...



A.D. 8383...
The 10 millennia prior to Joker times...
No written record exists of that A.D. era...
Only the memory of one of that era's
dynasties, named Collet... A branch of
which became the Fillmore imperial family
and continued to flourish throughout the
Joker era... After the end of the A.D. era,
chevalier blood continued to be mixed with
that of others and became permanently
liberated from hibrain control...



Farewell,
Ladlos
Foralight...

I will to pray for the
prosperity and
happiness of you
and your progeny
from a place beyond
this Galaxy...

To be continued....

JC 3230	Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Godarce to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fillmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request.	Grand Sydman is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandia Raymu.	Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Wilt, in search of Lachesis. The "god of light" has failed them
JC 3234	Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Godarce, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.	JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandia Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Ballanche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time F.U. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are clustered and sealed.	JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.
JC 3238	The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Godarce as the war bogs down.	JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meistner family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.	JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into dissipation. The headduners also gradually disappear some taking their fatimas with them, some alone The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeval.
JC 3239	Stant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all out attack on the Fillmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Stant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoat while crossing Lake Nnbisoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MH and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge.	JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MHs continue to switch over to the non-humanoid Ectoramuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler, Upandia, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit This year marks the beginning of Upandia's reign of terror	[The Era of the The Wilt Galaxy]*
JC 3330	The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities	JC 4044 Daizina Meistner finds her way to Kastenpo on Both.	JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.
JC 3333	Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Juno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy	JC 4050 Daizina Meistner meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.	JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
JC 3345	The LED Dragon awakens	JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headdliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance	JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperium, to continue the fight
JC 3400-3900	Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity The leader of Juno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MH force led by the Berlina. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MHs, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.	JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.	JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the MH Goat Mirage, also known as Magdali Chivalries. JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.
JC 3910	The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Juno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Juno.	JC 4075 Junchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.	JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold
JC 3952	Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Juno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.	JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Rouath, possibly another headliner descendant	JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy.
JC 3960	The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Alenia, princess of Balianka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydman, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Junchoon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Bonshoi	JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Juno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wunderschatze defects to Colus' side JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upandia regime gradually loses control of the situation, initiating the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in. JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belun. JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' Junchoon and Upandia's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two fates hurry to the fray. Delta Belun is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragon	JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nord and for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep. JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23 year old prince of Grees, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kallen, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution.

*Time in the The Wilt era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,670,000,000 years in length

Chronology

[Last Millennia of the AD Era]

- AD 4000** : Juno is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Farus Die Kannarn.
- AD 5000** : Reign of the "Blazing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the buster launcher.
- AD 6000** : Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** : A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale as the deserts of Addler and Pestako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** : Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Farus Die Kannarn wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.

[The Joker Millennia]*

- JC 0001** : Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change even in millennial terms.
- JC 0980** : Birth of the mortar head, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- JC 2020** : In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern Delta Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.
- JC 2026** : Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes his research on organic humanoid compuler systems.
- JC 2040** : Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.
- JC 2087** : Amaterasu and Litra are married. Litra will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthling time. On the average human's of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** : Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** : The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** : A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar heads is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "Yalima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** : Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.
- JC 2397** : Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400** : Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and falimas.
- JC 2629** : Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Ballanche.
- JC 2810** : Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** : Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the all the imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** : Amaterasu unifies the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II, ruler of the super power on the planet Juno, forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.
- JC 2878** : Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.
- JC 2899** : Amaterasu unifies Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Ballanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bel Creal.
- JC 2900** : A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kalamity Godarce, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 880 years old.
- JC 2955** : Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the

Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.

- JC 2987** : One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Ballanche, decides that a fatima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny" and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** : Dr. Ballanche's final two falimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Juno's King Colus III.
- JC 2989** : Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor Flagooda. Master Ladios Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MH luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992** : Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** : Magdall and Depre are born in the Republic of Hathuha in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** : The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy. Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** : Completion of the heavy MH lagd Mirage known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual buster cannon design.
- JC 3010** : The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** : Princess Magdall is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Tok Empire.
- JC 3159** : Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Addler.
- JC 3162** : Addler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** : Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.
- JC 3185** : Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.
- JC 3199** : Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kasienpo on the continent of Gnann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district and only the Holy Led A-Tok Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** : The moving solar system of Slant with a 1500 year orbital approach the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Slant will increase the instability of Kalamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

*Joker and Earth years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.

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Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

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A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

Five Star Stories Vols. VI-VIII

During the war with Hagooda, the Colus Dynasty palace becomes the gathering place of dignitaries from all over the Galaxy, including Lados Sopp (aka Amaterasu) Voards Viewlard (aka Mission Rouath), the Black Knight and master swordsman Roados Dragoon, and a meeting place for Mirage Knight Sharie Randers and Prince Trao Ballanka, who will eventually marry, the rival fatimas Teata and Est, and Lachesis and her father's rival Dr Morard. The sorely under-powered Jünchoon receives an overhaul with a LED Mirage engine from Sopp and is called to arms by an deeply inspired Clotho. As the anti-Hagooda movement reaches its peak, Colus decides to stage a counter-offensive, which results in victory for the Trio, but only at the cost of its

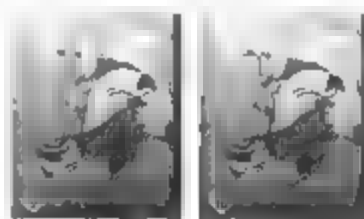
ruler's life at the hands of none other than Vralgo Kentaun. During the sudden attack on Jünchoon, Clotho, with her master dead in the cockpit emp oys every bit of the skill and strength entrusted to her in crushing Vralgo's MH Siren but in the end loses consciousness and is sealed within her magnificent mortar headd. Finally, Vol. VIII, jumps forward to the year 4071 and the anti-Amaterasu resistance movement on the planet Addler



Five Star Stories Vols. IX-X

In an espionage mission to Fort Chibum in the U-lhu Republic on the planet Both, swordsmen sage Dougulus Kaien is detected by a very alert Michael Lester who blocks the spy's escape and all but obliterates Kaien's fatima Auxo. Kaien flees to an anti-government guerilla camp at the mining village of Tyxathigh and is pursued by Republic headliner Maiyu Sukat in his powerful mortar headd, the Zakker. Filling in for Auxo as Kaien's partner on his Schpeltor is none other than Lachesis' sister Atropos, who had been posing as the leader of the guerillas. After defeating Skal, Atropos pledges to spend the rest of her life trying to realize a fatima's full potential free

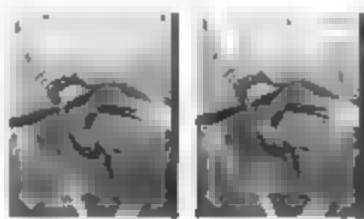
of legally imposed physical and mental restraints, and after the battle disappears. Meanwhile, Kaien's Auxo is brought back from the dead by Chrome Bauanche's protege, Prisen Corks, with her memory miraculously in tact and is reunited with Kaien.



Five Star Stories Vols. XI-XII

After a flashback to the time when Lados Sopp and Chrome Ballanche first met and their encounter with swordsmen sage Dimos Hiahraki, the stories turned to the Kingdom of Taika, doomed to war and tragedy for thousands of years in another universe, but promised by Amaterasu that he would send his daughter to end the violence. Colus Dis Vice then made a brief appearance, before we were swept off to Deda Belun and Amaterasu's woes concerning his mother, who also paid a visit to Lachesis. Volume XI then ended with Sopp and Ballanche at their last meeting before the good doctor's death. Back to Kaslenpo on the planet Both, Her the Bishop isn't satisfied with the twenty-eight previous opportunities to experiment in military mayhem. Looking for one of the Galaxy's Big Three to "test", he has the ninja spy kidnap Aasha Codante's fatima to

lure Mirage Knight #2 into the battlefield. Kibarcan's Cardinal Muse van Reyback decides to shed his holier-than-thou attitude and bring the Bang Doil. As for the attempt by Her's monitoring station to escape with newly discovered mortar headd data, a royally P.O. d Thunder Dragon puts on a spectacular aerial demonstration in a statement to the Galaxy that nobody is to use the unrestricted, lawless region of Kaslenpo as a weapons testing ground ever again.



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Episode Four takes place on Addler in J.C. 2997. Hathuha A'P [pronounced "ape"] Knight, Wandam Harrer, suddenly disappears from a flagship returning from a diplomatic mission, taking his mortar headd and fatima with him. The A'P death squad is dispatched to search and destroy him... A worried Princess Mugumica then sends Jabo Beat assisted by local yocal, Voards Viewlard, to stop them. In the process, Voards tells the tale of how he finagled one of the Galaxy's premier fatimas, Megaella, out of Chrome Ballanche.

Episode 4
Addler 2997
Dance Of The Puppets

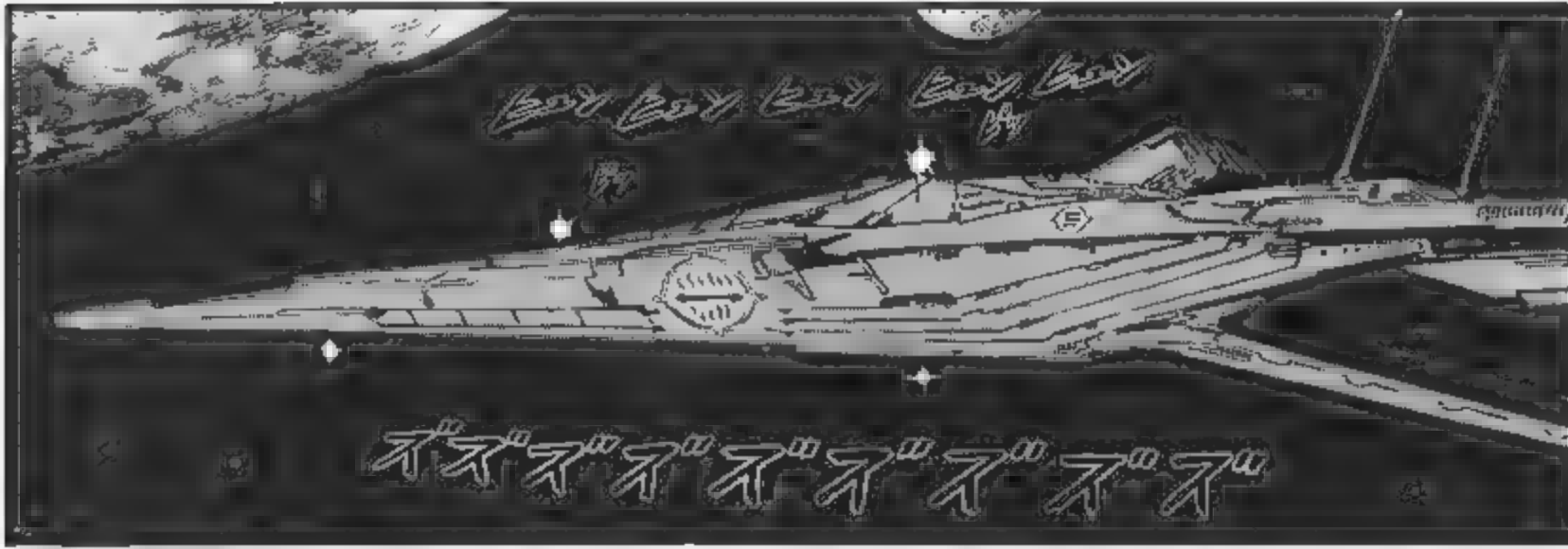


4616 years later in J.C. 2997...
On the same navigation route...
This time above Delta Belun...



It's the only way... Even if you won't go... I'll go alone and bring the doctor here...

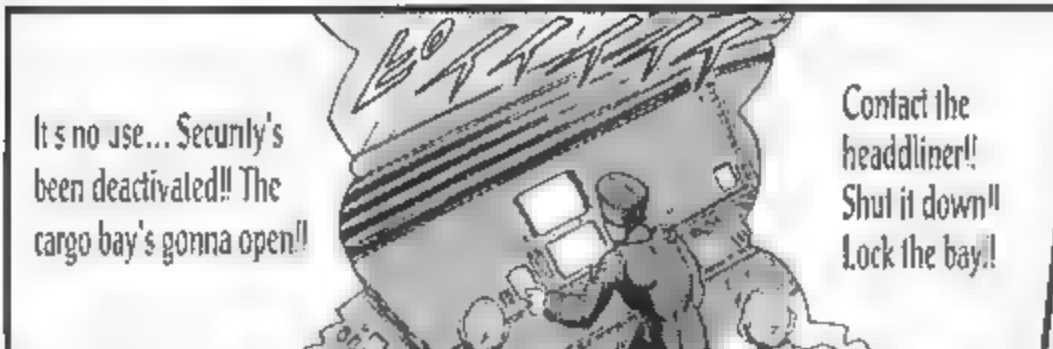
"As soon as the engine starts, deactivate cargo bay security" Are you sure about that Master?



Aboard the Wharith, the parade battleship of the Embriyo Unit of the A'P Knighthood belonging to the principality of Katze in the Allied Republics of Hathuba...



What the. .?



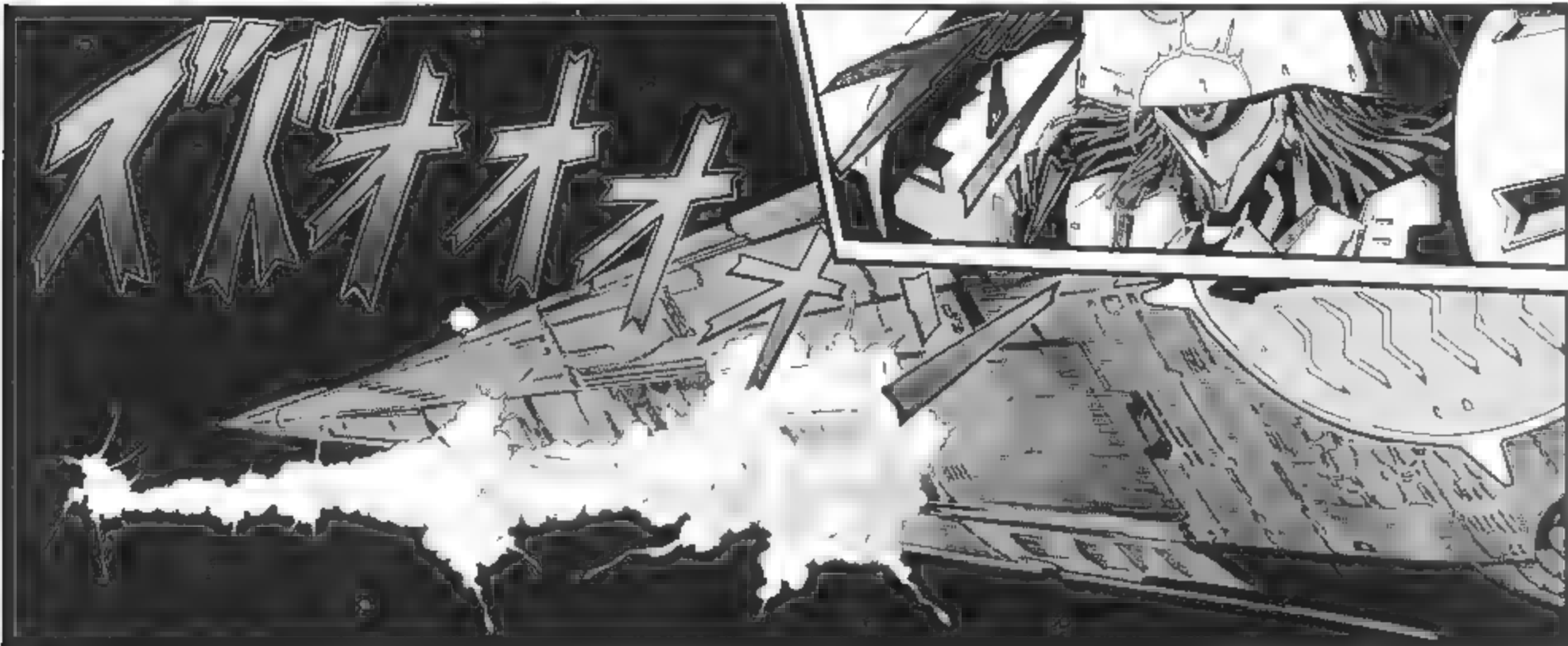
It's no use... Security's been deactivated!! The cargo bay's gonna open!!

Contact the headdliner!! Shut it down!! Lock the bay!!

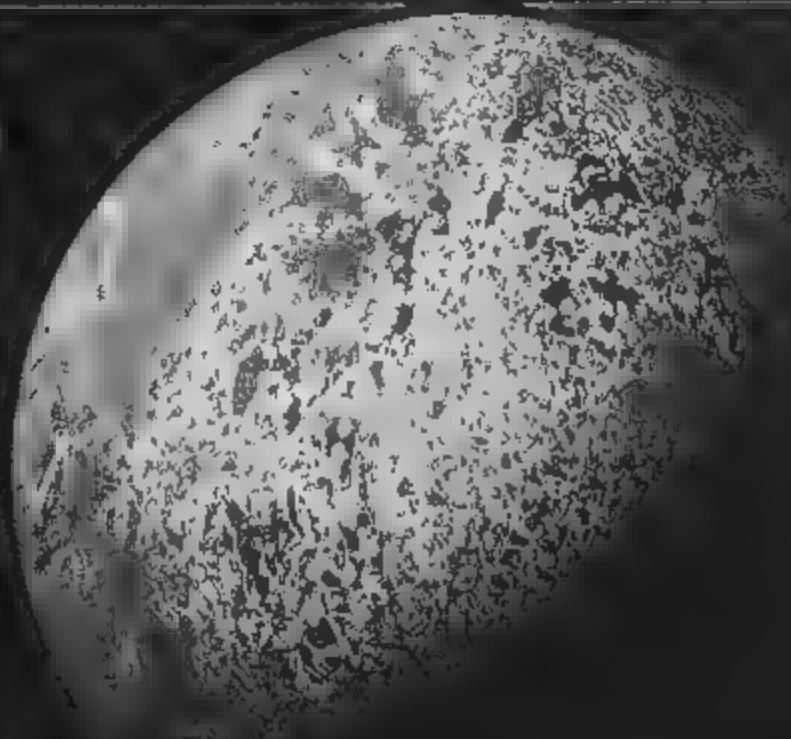


What? That's unheard of!!

It's an A-Toll .. It's operating!!



At the beginning of the Joker era, many descendants of the Cluster Empire Farus Die Kannara migrated to Minougciaa and expanded their power and influence throughout the continent. The formation of the present polity began with a treaty of alliance signed between the Gerre Dynasty's Hathuha Empire and the Hathuhunt Empire ruled by the Collet royal family, resulting in the Allied Republic of Minougciaa. Then in J.C. 2810 the present form was adopted based on a parliamentary alliance.



Both is Allied Republics of Hathuha that planet's largest polity covering almost all of the Minougciaa Continent and the eastern part of Kastenpo's Gnann Continent.

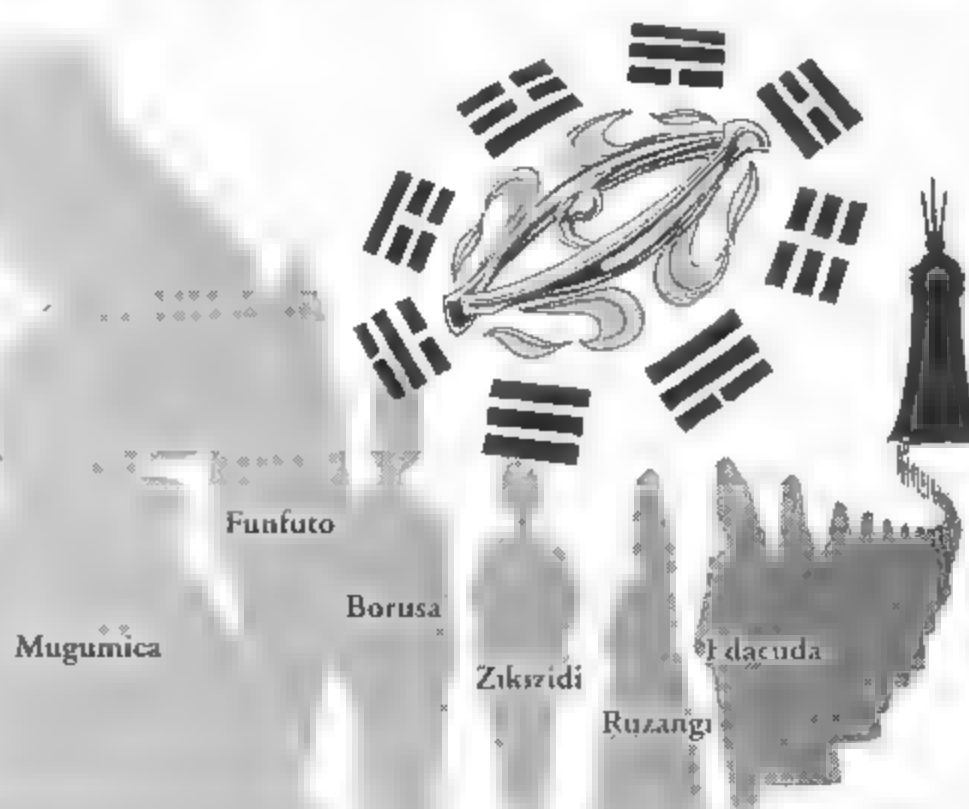
Allied Republics of Hathuha-

Presiding over the united twelve-country parliament is Collet, who is also the king of the Hathuhunt Republic. Hathuha also has another face, another name that won't be found on any map of the Galaxy... This is the reason Hathuha is feared by the rest of the Galaxy ..



The reigning empress, the true guardian of the Hathuha people, chooses her successor without regard to nationality, birth or family background, for what the successor inherits is not a bloodline, but diver force and the living memory of the Atoll Dynasty dating back to its founder. It is only coincidence that the present empress happens to be the granddaughter of King Collet, Mugumica Atoll (born Mugumica Rao Collet).

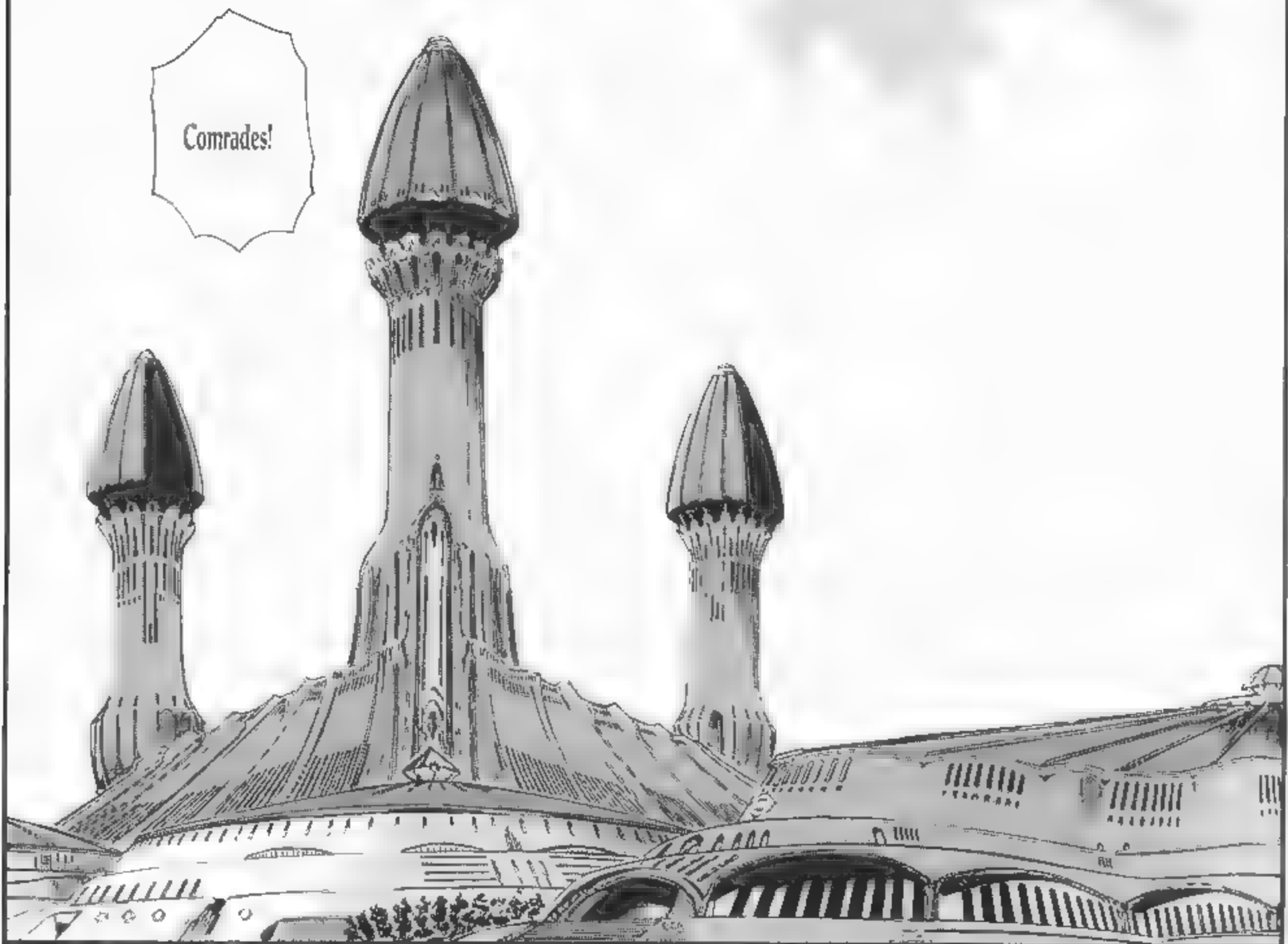
The Atoll Empresses who are related to the Chevaliers episodes.
 •Nakakara, J.C. 2030-2188 (The first encounter between Ladies Sopp and Bosjathfort)
 •Edacuda Ordered the construction of the MH Empire (Vizantine and Inter-ov)
 •Borusa, The unification of Minougciaa in J.C. 2810. Sword Sage Dougulus Kaen begins terrorizing and amusing the Galaxy



That name is the Atoll Holy Empire. A vestige from a line of empresses who reigned far back in antiquity. A line of succession accompanied by immense strength and nobility. The one person who is destined in each generation to inherit that line is the true ruler of the Hathuha alliance.

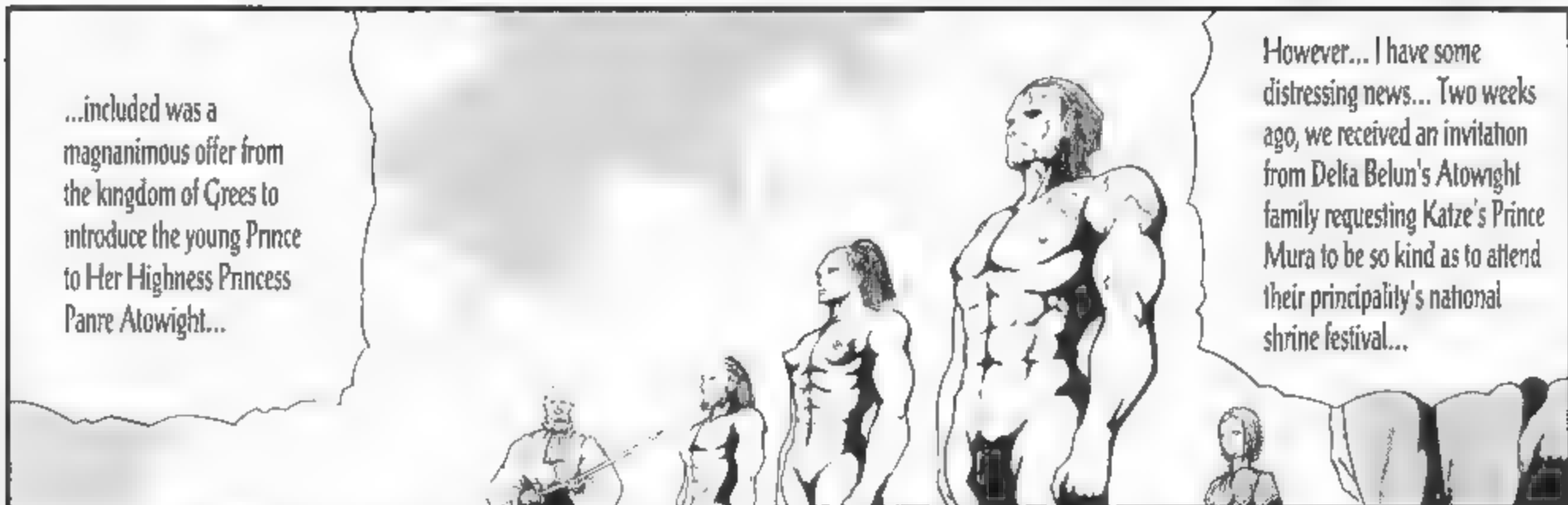
The palace at Beige, the capital of
the Allied Hathuha Republics...

Comrades!





I apologize for calling you back from Katze in this heat. The Embryo Division has served well under the command of Lord Concise...



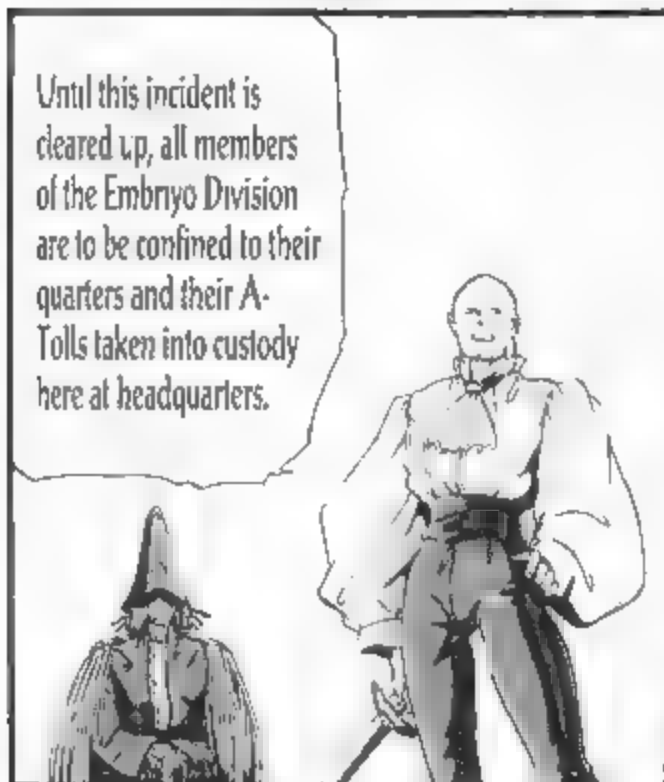
...included was a magnanimous offer from the kingdom of Grees to introduce the young Prince to Her Highness Princess Panre Atowight...

However... I have some distressing news... Two weeks ago, we received an invitation from Delta Belun's Atowight family requesting Katze's Prince Mura to be so kind as to attend their principality's national shrine festival...

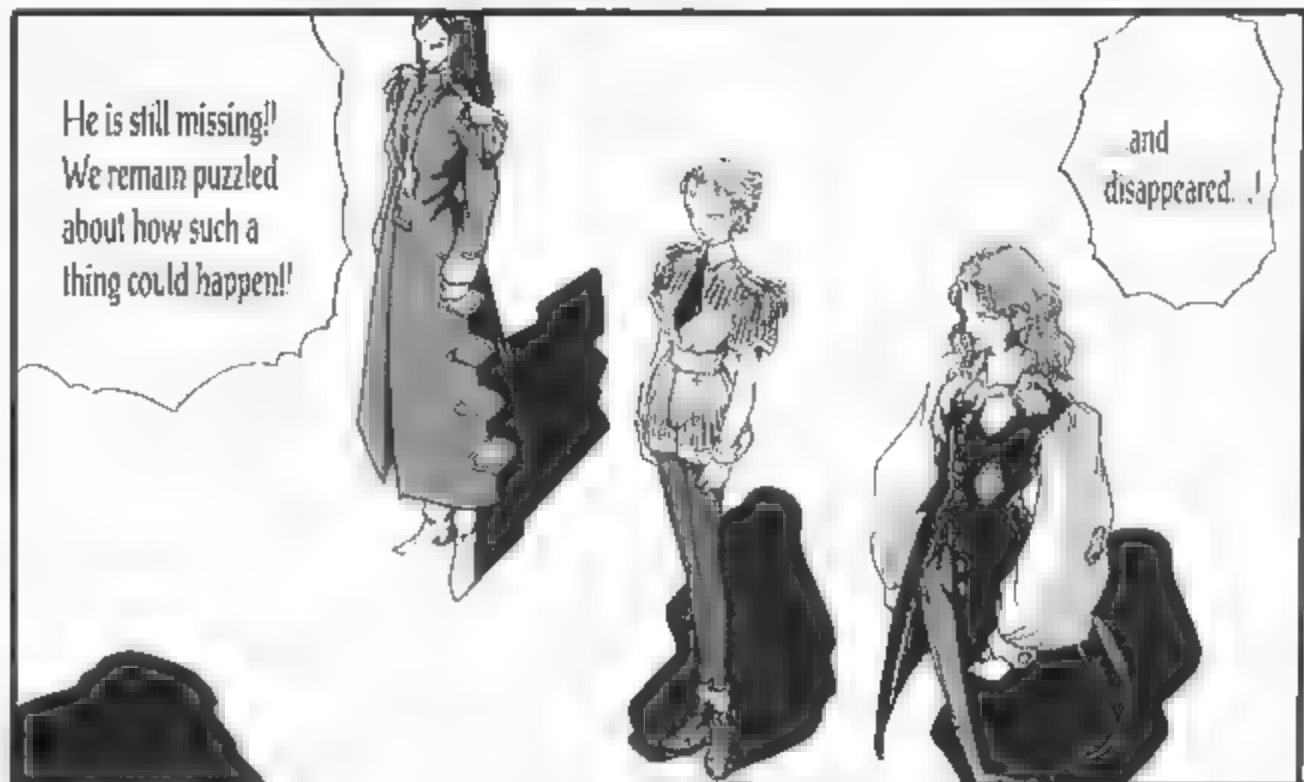


...during preparations for the return trip... took a mortar headd from the ship without authorization...

However, three days ago... Wandam Harrer, a member of your Division, who was accompanying the Prince on his journey to Delta Belun...



Until this incident is cleared up, all members of the Embryo Division are to be confined to their quarters and their A-Tolls taken into custody here at headquarters.



He is still missing!! We remain puzzled about how such a thing could happen!!

and disappeared. .!

Our Diver Information Bureau has again amazed us with intelligence that Harrer has fled to Addler, on the periphery of the Trün Federal Union.

As for Harrer...
I have dispatched the
Scritti Porty Division
to find him...

N... not the
Banshees...!

And if this gets
around, you... we...
are going to become
the laughing stock of
the Galaxy!!

That's enough of that.
Do I have to explain
the gravity of the
situation to you? You
know the penalty for
desertion!

We have negotiated at the
highest levels with the Trün
Congress for permission to send
an armed force to search for
Harrer within their jurisdiction.

And I must also inform you
that the cost of these
operations will come to more
than half the yearly budget to
maintain the Embryo
Division's 12 A-Tolls!!



Jabo... Thank you
for coming on such
short notice...



Magdall and Depre act
completely different when
they come to see their
Auntie Mugumica...

Tsk... I don't
understand
these two...



Mmmph...

Gooo...

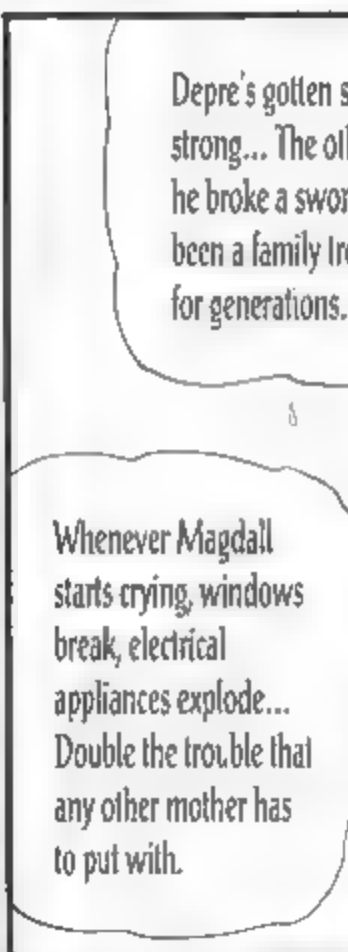


Look!
Magdall!
So high...

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I don't think
so... It's because
they're yours...



Depre's gotten so
strong... The other day
he broke a sword that's
been a family treasure
for generations...

Whenever Magdall
starts crying, windows
break, electrical
appliances explode...
Double the trouble that
any other mother has
to put with.



なんだこの生きものは、

I never imagined
what a pain
raising kids
could be. .



She'll be
surpassing me
before long...

Her diver powers
are growing
stronger by the
day, it seems...

Bosjathfort...
Really?



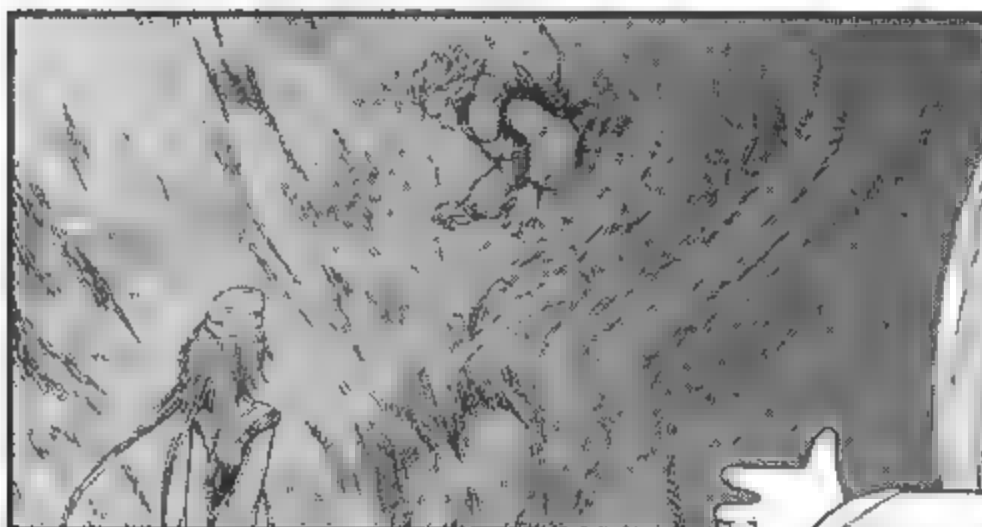
No... His
Majesty's powers
are different... from
Magdall's and
mine... Rather...

Exceed your
powers! Only
Amaterasu
could do that...

You're
exagger-
ating...



Really... The power and
physique he obtained from
the Water of Life... They
are capable of even lending
off the power of Emperor
Amaterasu himself...



Bosjathfort has been able to
conceal himself behind a strong
barrier that makes it impossible
for him to be jettisoned beyond
the three dimensions... like
what happened to him a
thousand years ago...



Mugumica!
How can you
be so sure!

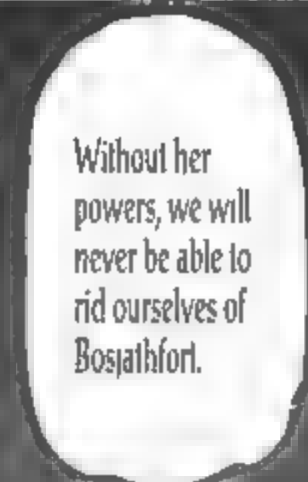
Without her
powers, we will
never be able to
rid ourselves of
Bosjathfort.

Magdall is the
heiress to the
A-Toll Dynasty.

I want you to go to
Trin and stop those
maniacs from the
Scrith Porty Division.



Never mind...
I'm sure
you've heard
the news...



A little while ago... I sent a message to Emperor Amaterasu. I'm certain His Majesty hasn't forgotten how much you helped him during his journey to Kasleppo...

You see...
Amaterasu and
Rouath... They're
pretty good
friends... and...

Wait a minute here... Trün isn't Kastenpo, you know... They're not just gonna roll out the red carpet for a former member of the A Ps.

Hunt?

Yeah... I heard something about that... Aisha told me about it...

Humm. .

Even someone as naive as you can't be serious!! Tsk-tsk-tsk-tsk....

You think someone can waltz into Trün armed to the teeth... just because you think it'd be nice!

Your Highness
... don't know
how to put this
bul

Exiled to Kastenpo,
without a pot to piss in,
lonely... I'm allowed to
return home... and with
what... two bastards,
whose father is nowhere
to be found... Wow!

In Kaslenpo, they said that Aasha and I had come to prey on the population called us spongers. I

I've been brought up on charges for insubordination by the knighthood of a super power... Accused of conduct unbecoming a headdl ner and malicious assault... Called a disgrace to the A P Knighthood... Halbuha s harlot headdliner... Responsible for running 14 mortar headds into the ground and depriving 30 of Hathuha's finest of their virginity

On top of that... I've been permanently relieved of duty... I'm a housewife... Not a headliner anymore!

He's a very busy man... So he only had time for a brief message...

It's a personal letter from President Roualh himself...

Here,

On top of all that... where were you, or King Coliel, when I was being raked over the coals by the Alliance's Heddliner Censure Board?



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とったあ!!

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おはようございます
おはようございます
おはようございます



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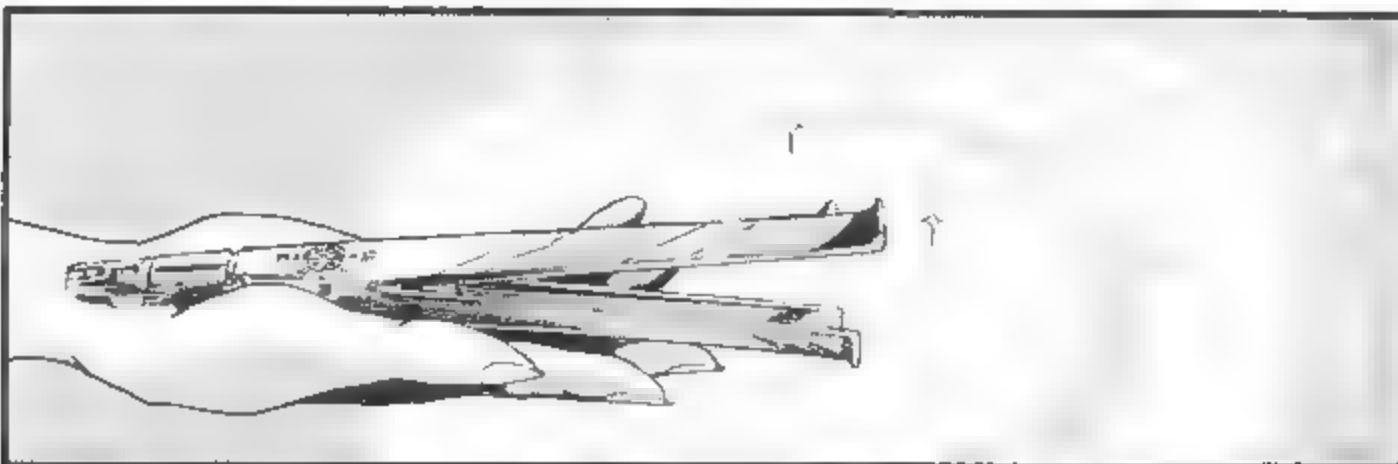
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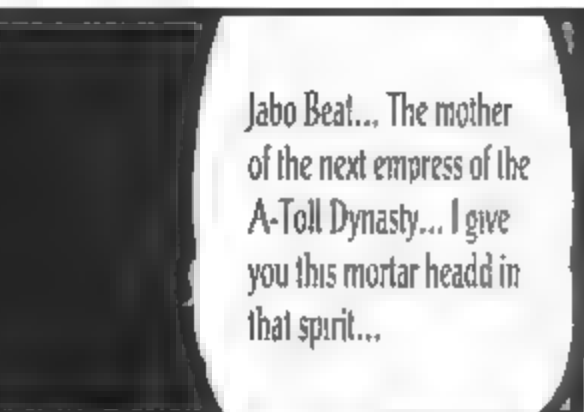
Your...
Highness...!!



Jabo... Take this.
It's the only thing
I'm free to give
you under the
circumstances...



I hereby bestow upon
you the title Needle
Chevalier, knight par
excellence of the A-Toll
Imperial Dynasty....



Jabo Beat... The mother
of the next empress of the
A-Toll Dynasty... I give
you this mortar head in
that spirit...



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That's all I can tell
you at this point. But
hurry. Time's of the
essence.. We haven't
a second to lose!!



Find Morard
Carbyte.

First head for Beto ca
on the outskirts of
Bastogne.



Magdall!!



Eeeeeek!

Your
Highness...
Look out...

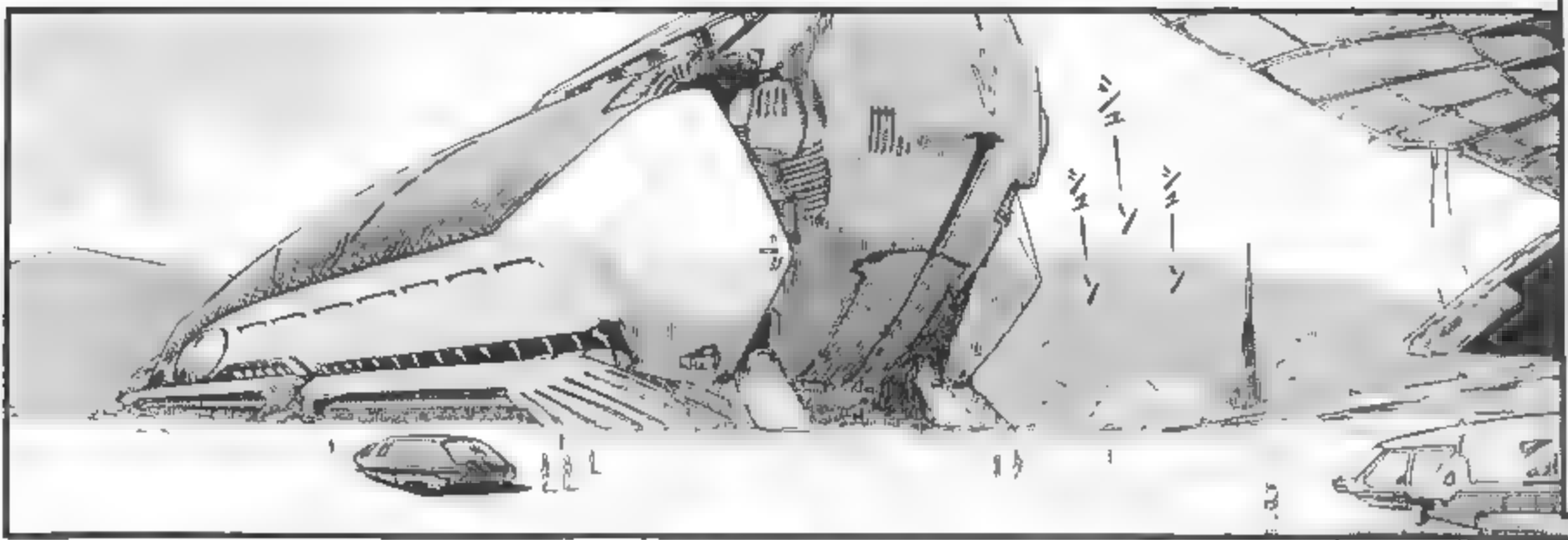


What's wrong!!
No! Please!

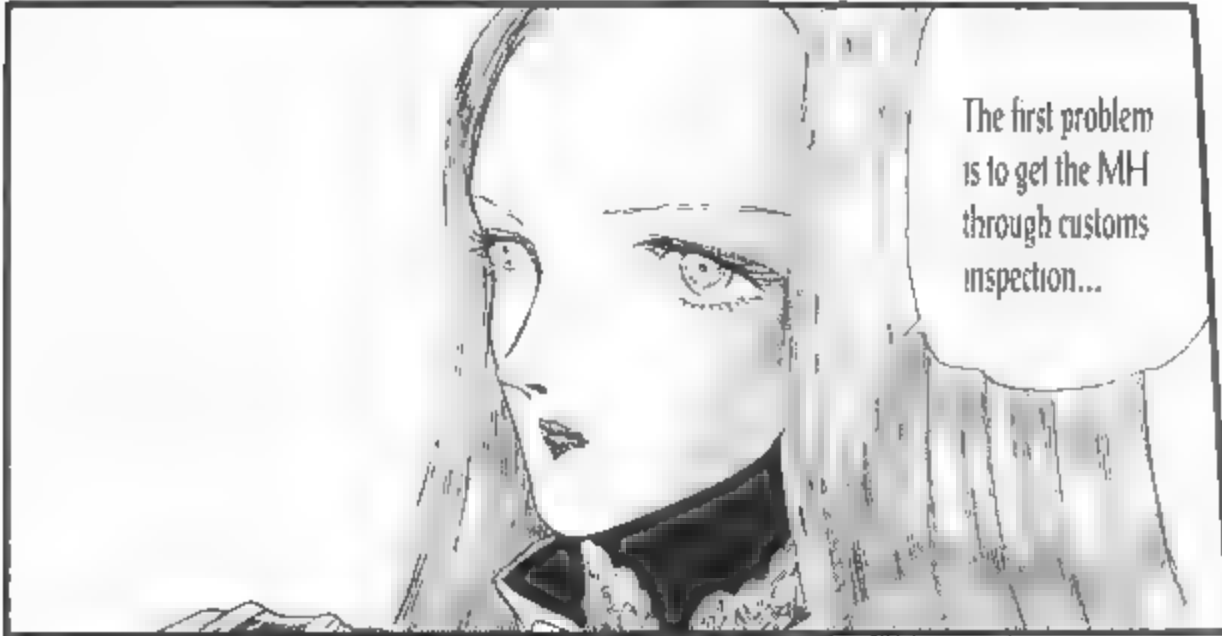


What's the matter!
...Depre... Tell your
sister. to stop.

There, there, honey...
Don't cry... Mommy's
going to be fine...
She'll be back soon.!



Karte Spaceport, Bastogne, Rent
Autonomous Region, Iron Federation,
Adder...



The first problem
is to get the MH
through customs
inspection...



Jabo, you're on a
mission... You
can't go stirring
up trouble...

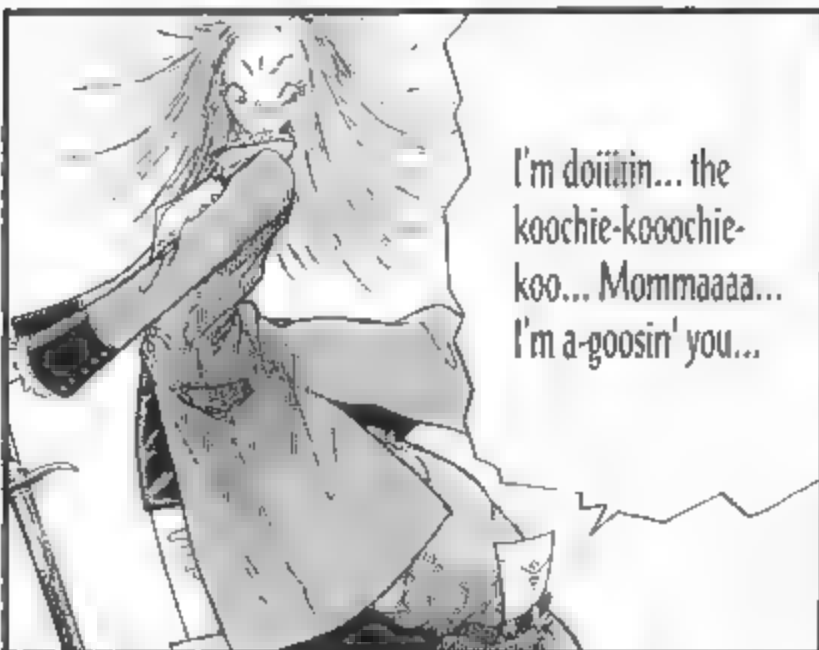
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どうして...

Wait a minute...
That's why you
got in trouble
with the A'Ps in
the first place...



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やっばるかい!!

I'll just
crash the
gate!



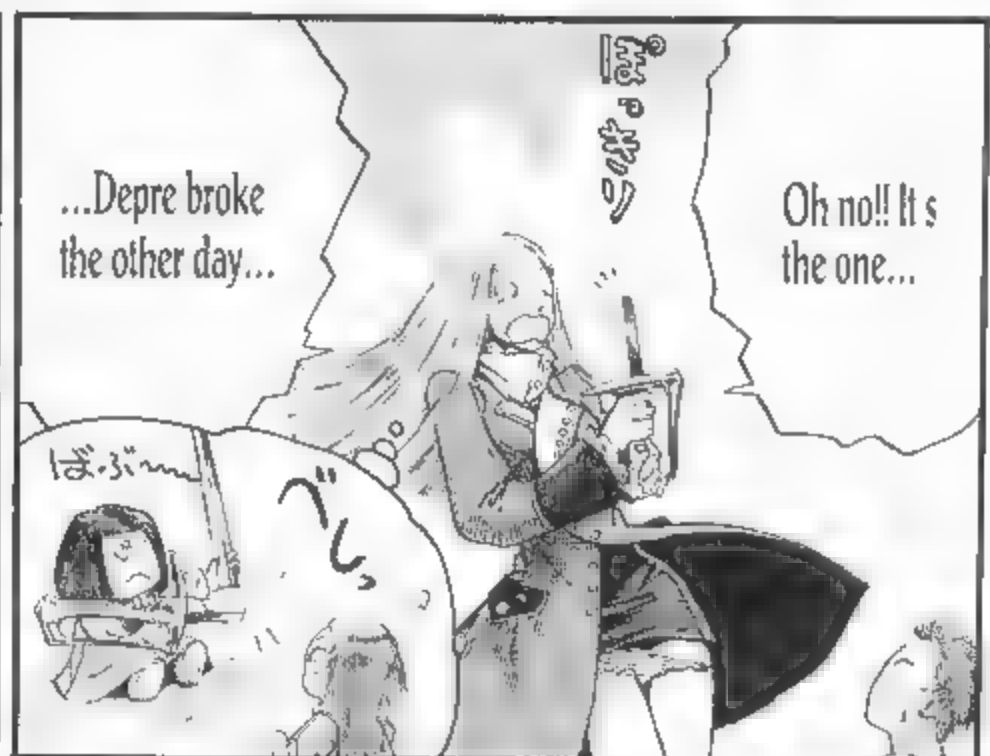
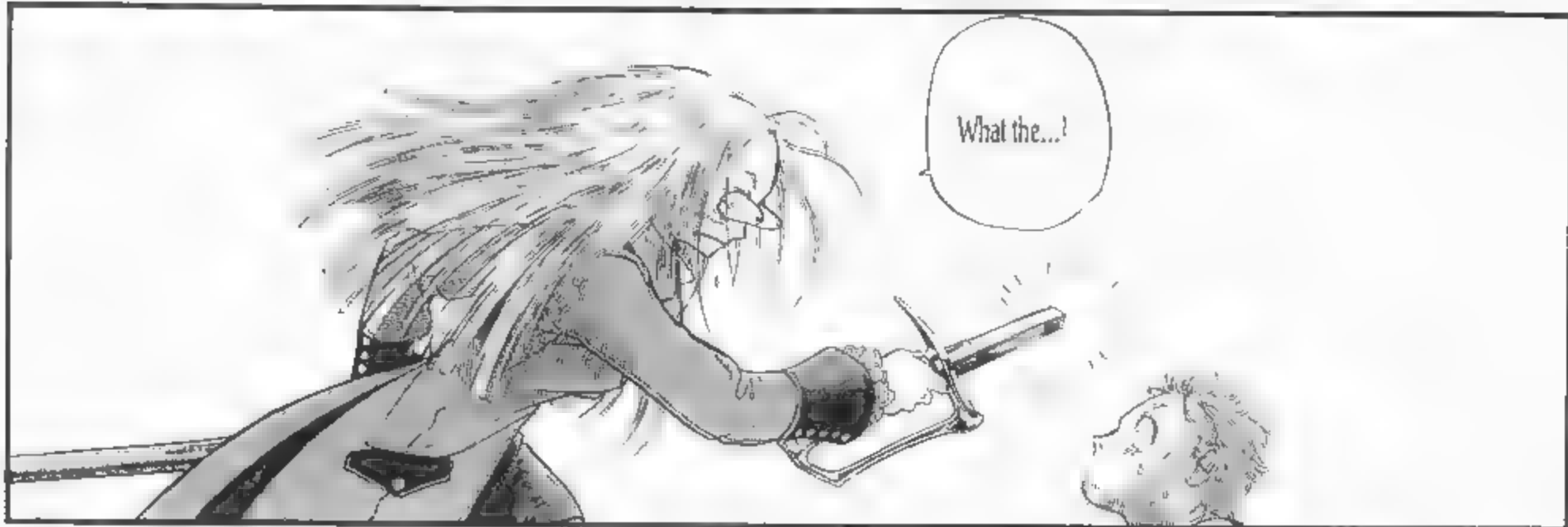
I'm doiiiiin... the
koochie-koochie-
koo... Mommaaaa...
I'm a-goosin' you...

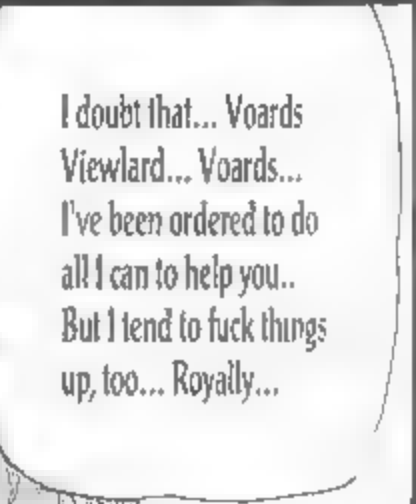
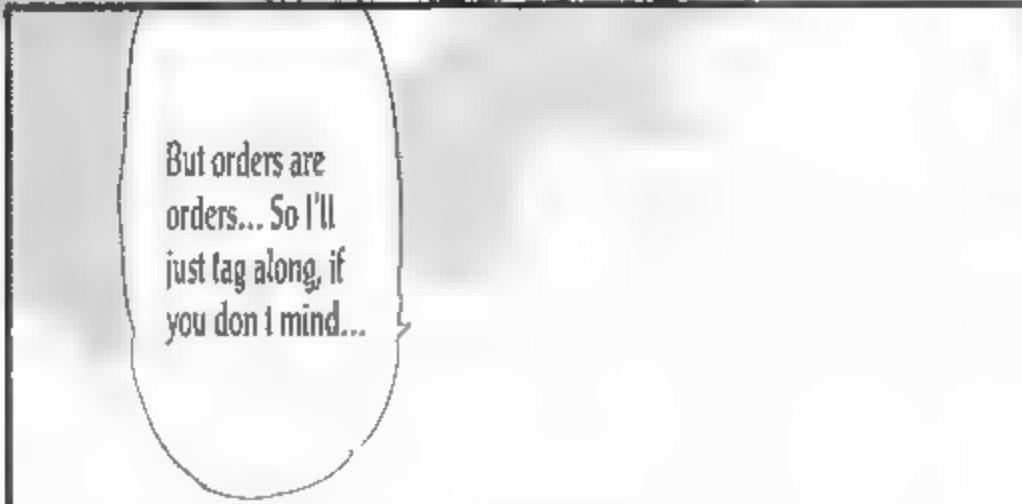
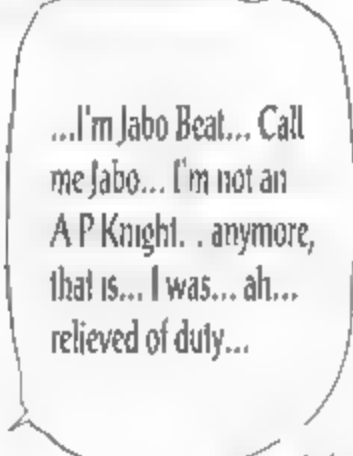
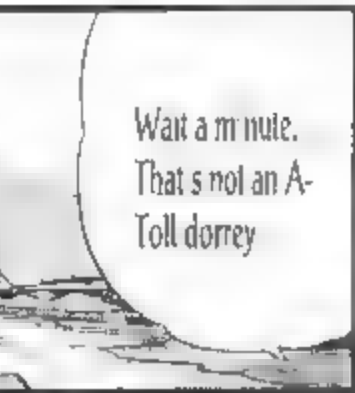
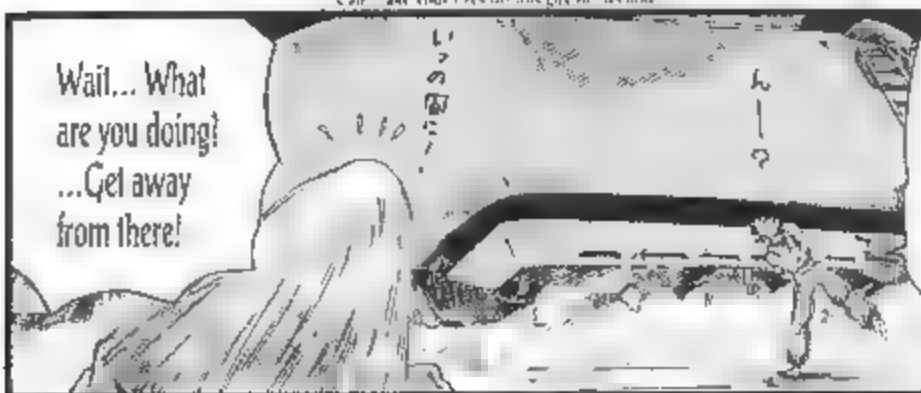
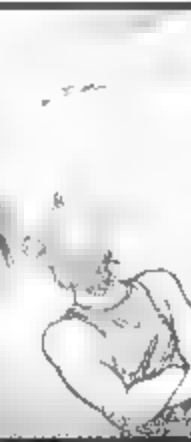
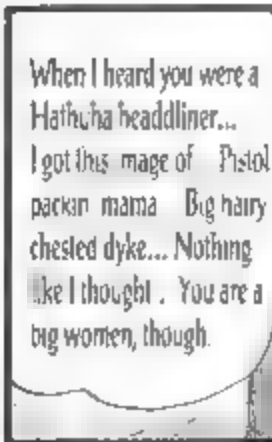
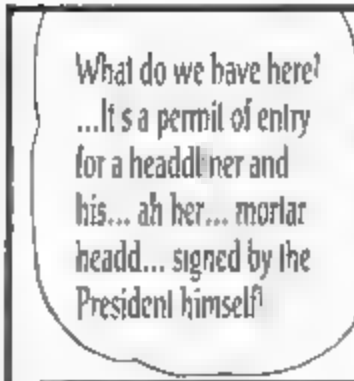


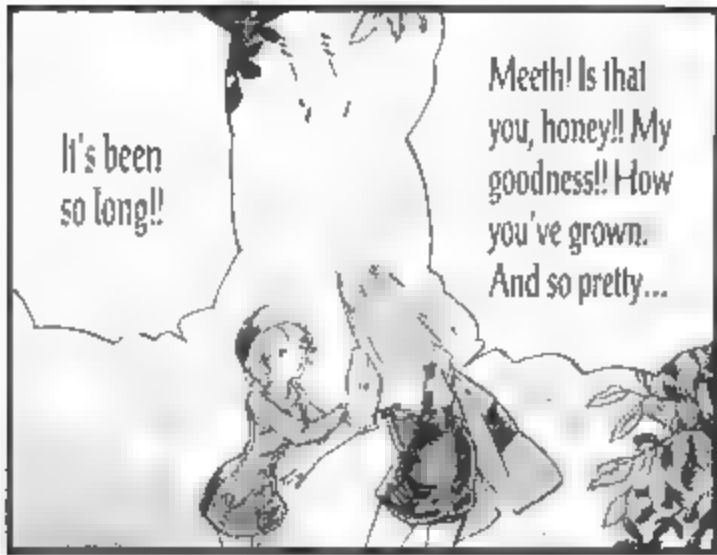
Koocheeee...



It's pretty
warm here...







It's been so long!!

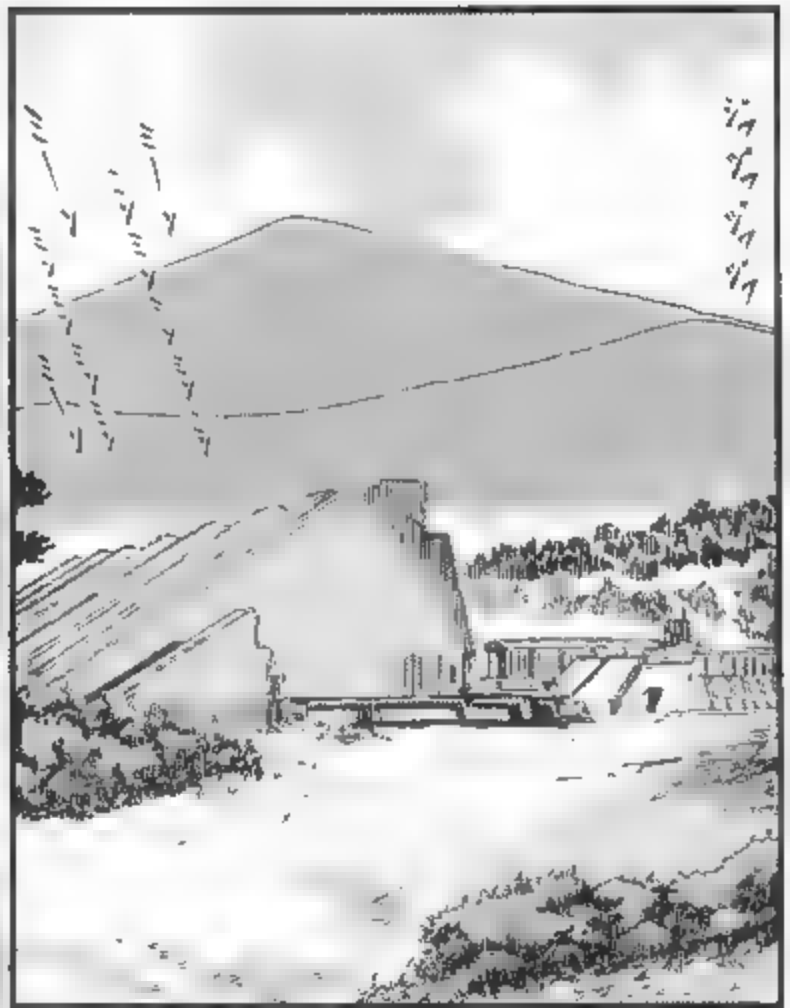
Meeth! Is that you, honey!! My goodness!! How you've grown. And so pretty...



Really? Doctor Morard's assistant...



Jabo!!



in the air



God it's hot out here!

Nothing less for a member of the Ballanche family... I'm proud of you!

Wow! You're already in graduate school! Skipped ten grades!



Meeth, you're
still too young...
You can stay here
and study or
something ..

Hey Jabo! Whaddya
say we all go down to
the swimming hole by
the river... and go
skinny dipping'...



At least take
off your shoes
and socks...

Hey Concord! You
must be swelling in
those long-sleeves and
tights! Look at
Mequra*... That's
how to beat the heat...



Was in go Build's under 7
seconds. Standard qual's comes
through again
Vaporized freezing. Helping
human to breathe once again
What power! I'd like to join in
his. It just goes over here and
How do you say 'surprise' in
English?

the words in... can't
Executive Office
fall in that case

た"れも大統領閣下の
話を聞いていない
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Wow. It's all
great. What
speed
by reason of the
explorer. A new
and improved
ship needed!



I hope there's
nothing wrong!

Two or three days ago,
this headliner came by
to see him... then they
left together..

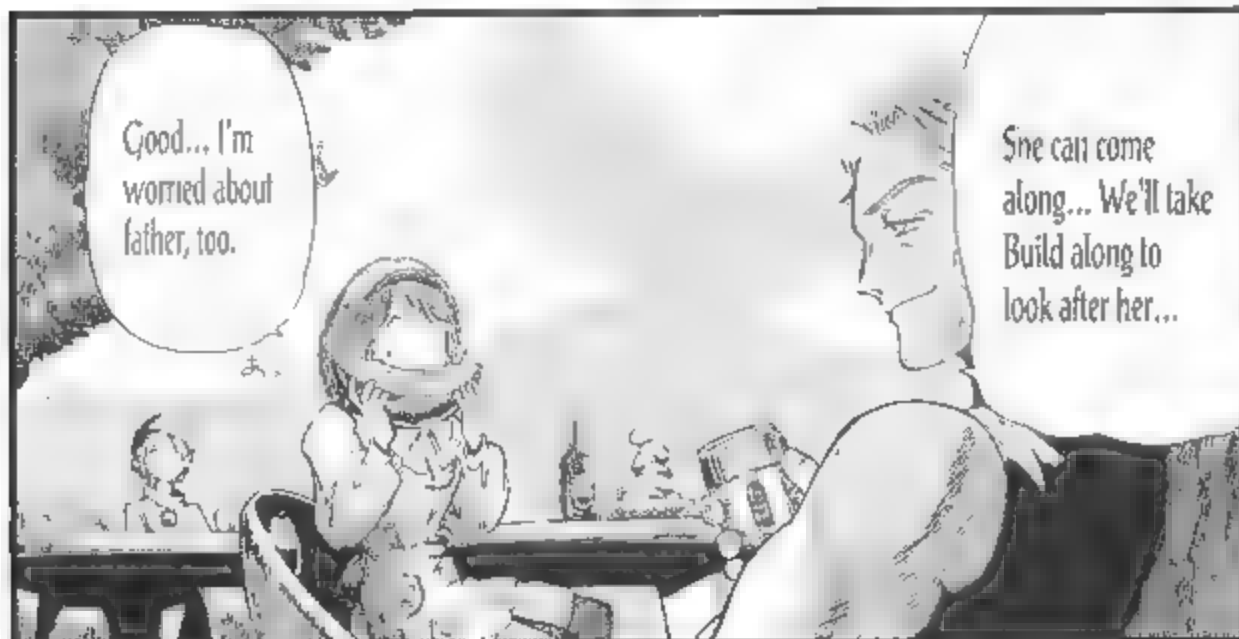


That reminds
me... Where is
Dr. Morard?



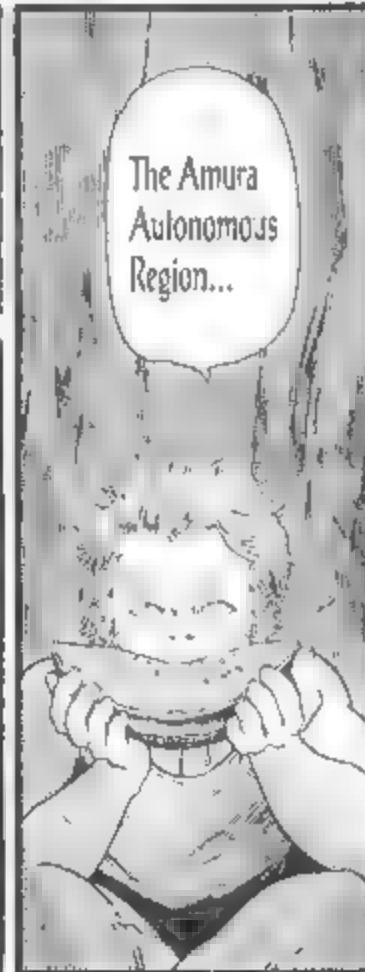
I don't
know,
Meeth..

Take me with
you, Jabo...
I'm worried...



Good... I'm
worried about
father, too.

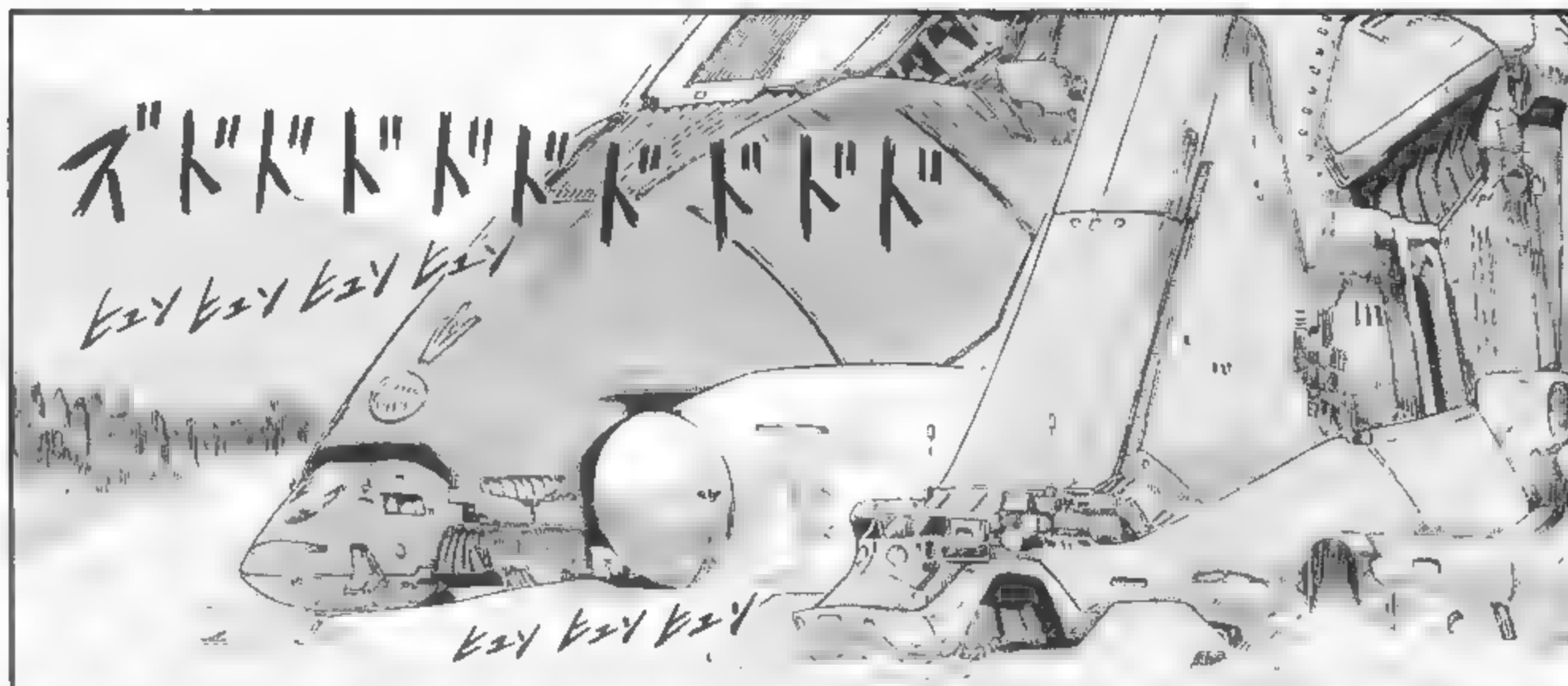
She can come
along... We'll take
Build along to
look after her...



The Amura
Autonomous
Region...



With a
headliner!



The Federation Council thought they could score some brownie points with the Alliance by letting those murderers cross the border into Trün.

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Yeah... The Scrit. Ponty Division... They're after one of their A/P headd-liners suspected of desertion... They stop at nothin' ruthless...

The Hathuna Knighthood!



So what you and I are supposed to do is minimize the havoc and casualties that all this pomp and circumstance, chivalry and diplomacy, bids for re-election, etc. are bound to cause.




They figured that letting them operate out in the sticks... in Amura... wouldn't do any harm. The problem is that there are civilians living out there..



Sure, she mighta been kicked outta the Swans Division... But where does she end up! ...Directly under Princess Mugumica... Probably as the A-Toll Dynasty's Chevalier...

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Now we got labo Beat! Hathuna dispatches another member of the starting lineup!!



Taught Hiahraki everything he knew... The guy who invented the tour de force of swordsmanship, the "flying swallow" . And by his side .. InterCity, one of the first four fatimas ever created...

Yep... The old Vyzzer... the sword sage who put ten kingdoms outta commission in the Minouguciaa civil war of 2500...

You mean

Needle Chevalier Vizantins, co-starring InterCity

And Vizantins' InterCity, with him on the Blazing Empress..

Juster Rouath's Neeb ..

Lader VI's S.S.L...

Nakkandrah Swans' Focus Light...

She's one of your ancestors, being a Lithium Ballanche "fates"

Neeb... she was your...

No one had any idea of their need for compatibility...

Fatima's had just been developed... They were owned by the state at that time. . and were dispatched around to work with a lot of different headdliners...

Yeah .. Great-grampa's fatima .

It was from that time one that everyone finally understood that a fatima well matched with a headliner... preferably of her own choice... was able to perform to new heights...

So Grealgrampa was designated by everybody* to go to the source... and ask a latima if she was getting it on better with one guy than another, you know...

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They had learned through experience that fatimas possessed diverse personalities. Some were better at some things than others: they had strengths and weaknesses that the bureaucrats who controlled them couldn't have known anything about. And if so, it followed logically that there might be fatima-headliner combinations that excelled over others... a very important strategic point, mind you.



However, there were plenty of headlines who doubted such an approach. who considered fatimas in terms of their individual, intrinsic value

That's where the tradition of holding fatuma debuts here in Addler came from, by the way

It was quite a moment .. the first time that the word "Master" came into usage.

Mission!! You're a disgrace to the House of Rouath...



Yep ..

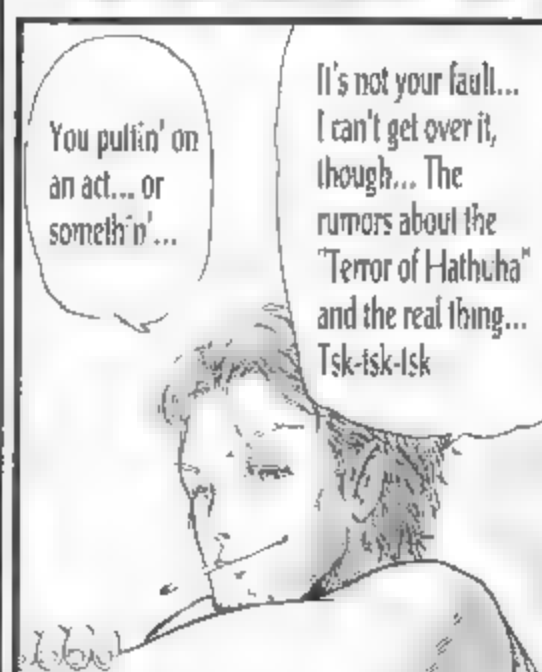
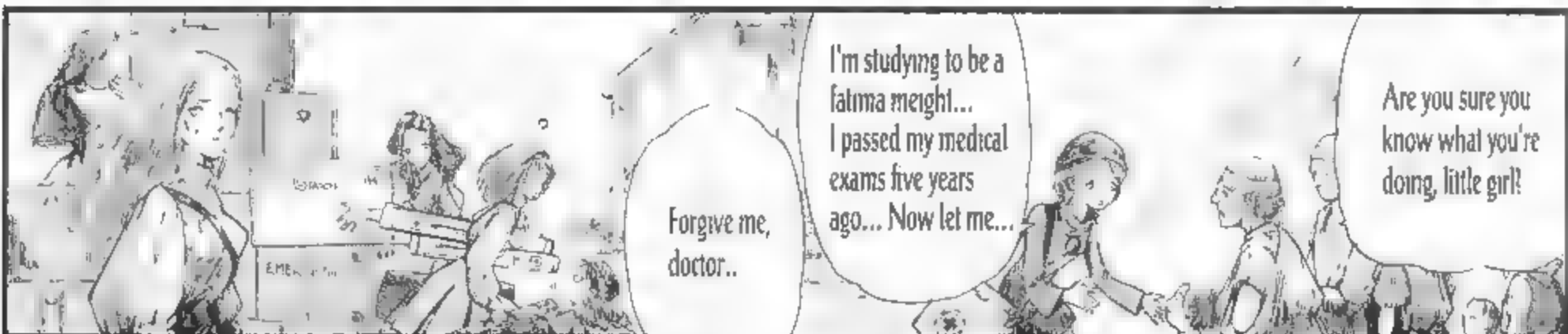
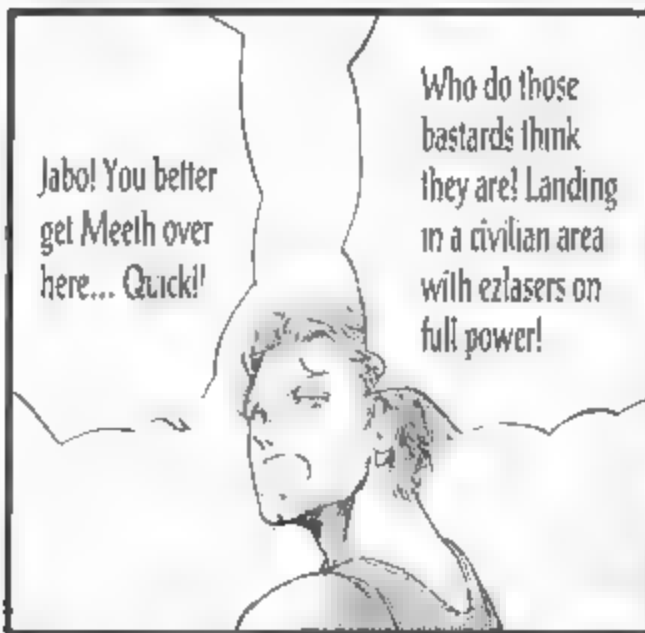
Quite a family... the Rouaths...

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23 Five Star Stories #22



Born into a very long line of upstanding headliners. Showing none of the signs from birth. Nobody wanted to have anything to do with me...



So they sent me off to this elite boarding school... but I couldn't get along with all the aristocratic headliner bullshit everybody was busting about.



...and I was the only one who didn't want to be a headliner. I was the only one who didn't want to be a headliner.

The headliner privilege and mystique. The wide berth given to aristocrats. I thought maybe I could do something under the republic. Me and my friends pretended we were political activists... Then it happened...



So I decided to leave and go to public school... determined to follow in my dad's footsteps... politics. I made a lot of friends there.

Something like that happening is a rare case indeed. And when it does occur the survival rate is something like 30%. I was a headliner who had to go through sheer hell to become one.



I was still in college. When all of a sudden my muscles and bones seemed like they were falling apart. This excruciating fever came over me... The signs had appeared... My body was transforming itself into a headliner... My Krebs cycle went nuts. I was fucking starving to death. Skin and bones.

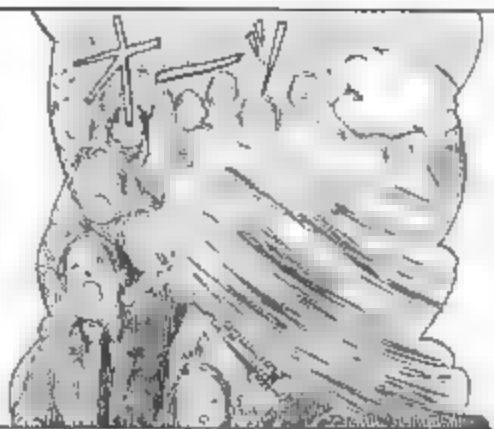
After all the power and skill of such lateromers are ranked at the bottom of the headliner scale anyway. Not a heck of lot of offers or appointments. So I decided to go work to for the SP1* a police agency of headliners doing this and that for them.



When I told my mother what had happened she just laughed and said...

*Official knighthood of the Trun Federation, using Nouvelle Izthar model MHs and destined to become Trun's main source of political leadership

We can do it! We'll use the name of the former Lord of Rent Rouath! We'll appease the aristocracy and win the election! Then...



I'm tired of this regime of headliners aristocratic elitism... Listen... the knighthood doesn't run the Council it's the other way around... Power to the People!!

Listen, Reef! This is what we'll do...! We'll pull the switcharoo! I hate those sonofabitches, but we've decided to go with Rouath on this one!!

Now that you're a presidential candidate! What about your SP status and the name you're using?

Let me get this straight You are Voards Viewlard, a headliner from the S.P.I., and you've come to inspect the new building under construction on the grounds... my goodness... don't you people have anything better to do?



Oh you'll wait, will you? It may take a while...

His Lordship is... aah... presently indisposed...

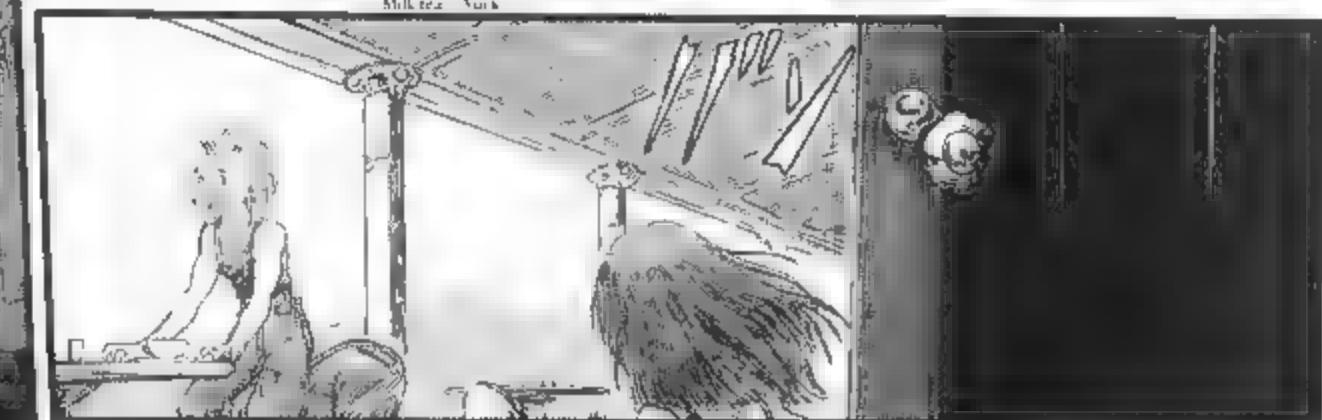
Well, well... What do we have here?

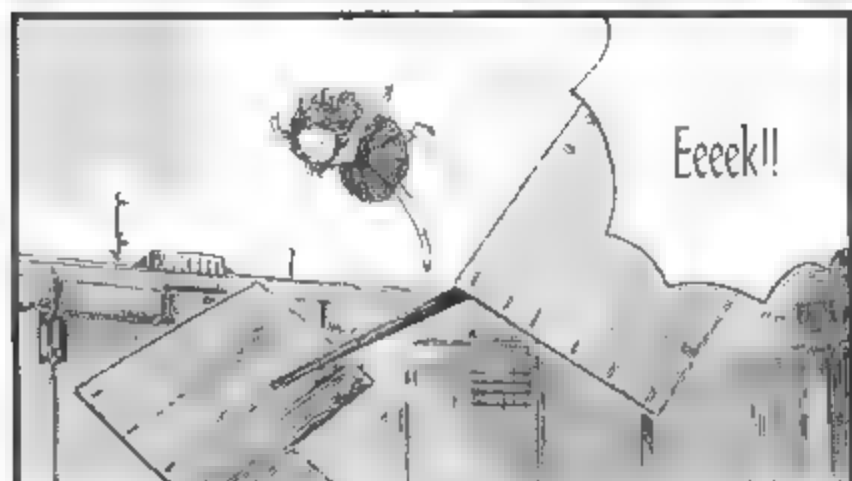
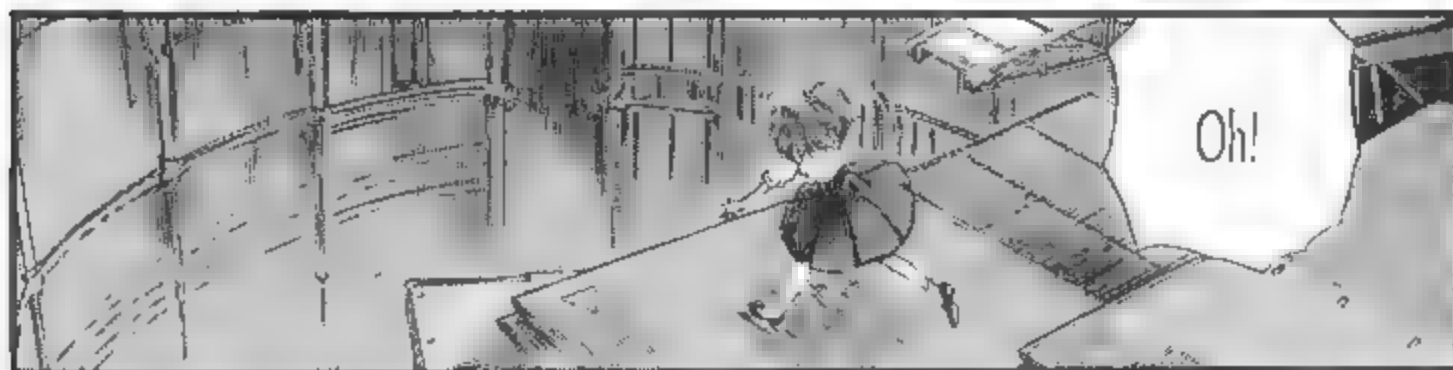
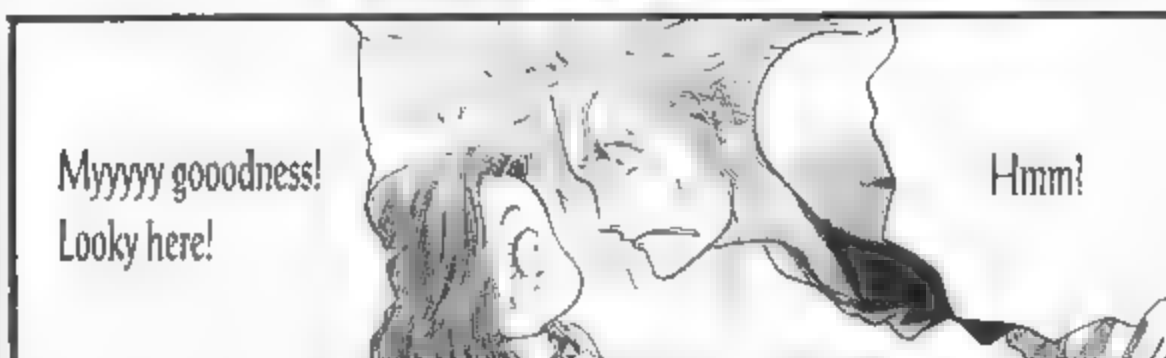
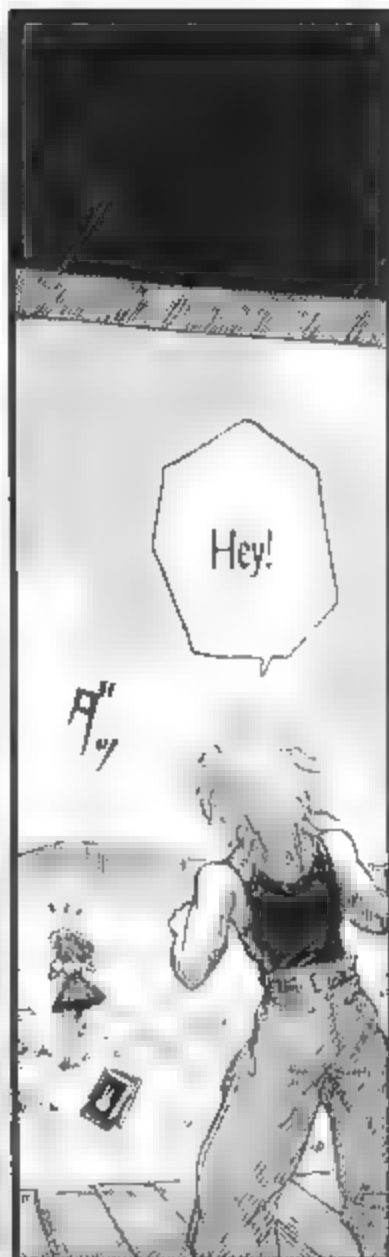
I'd guess a mini-fatima, by the looks of you... Right?

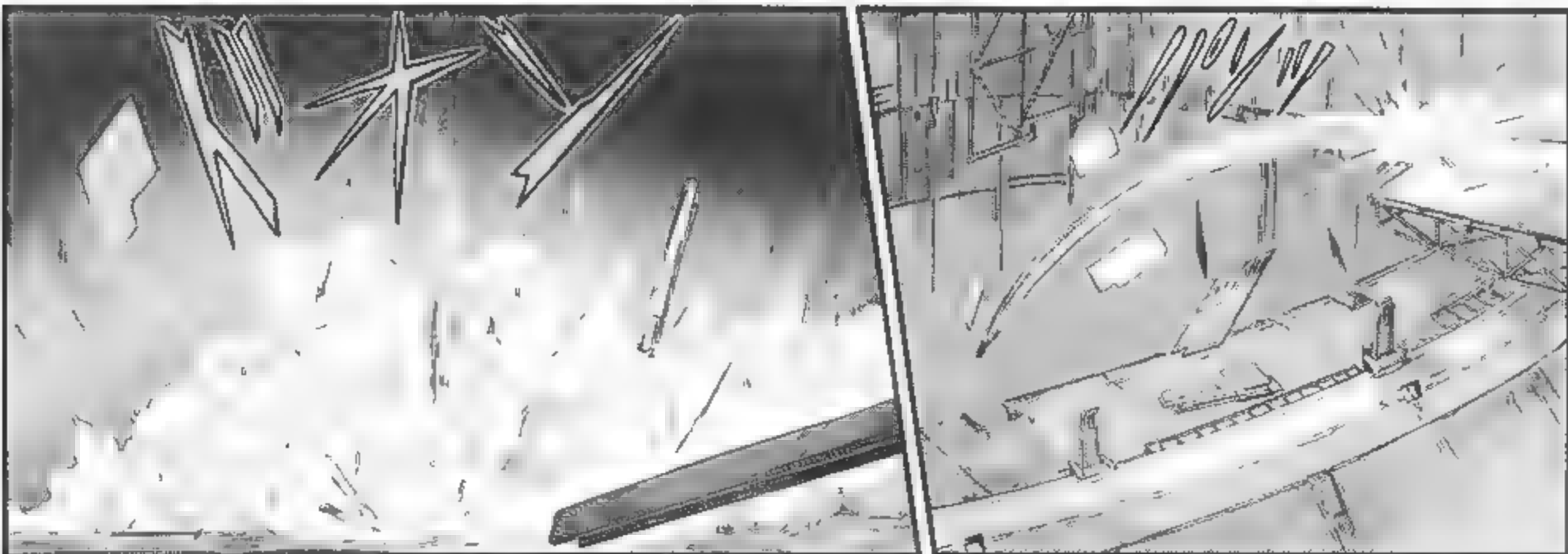
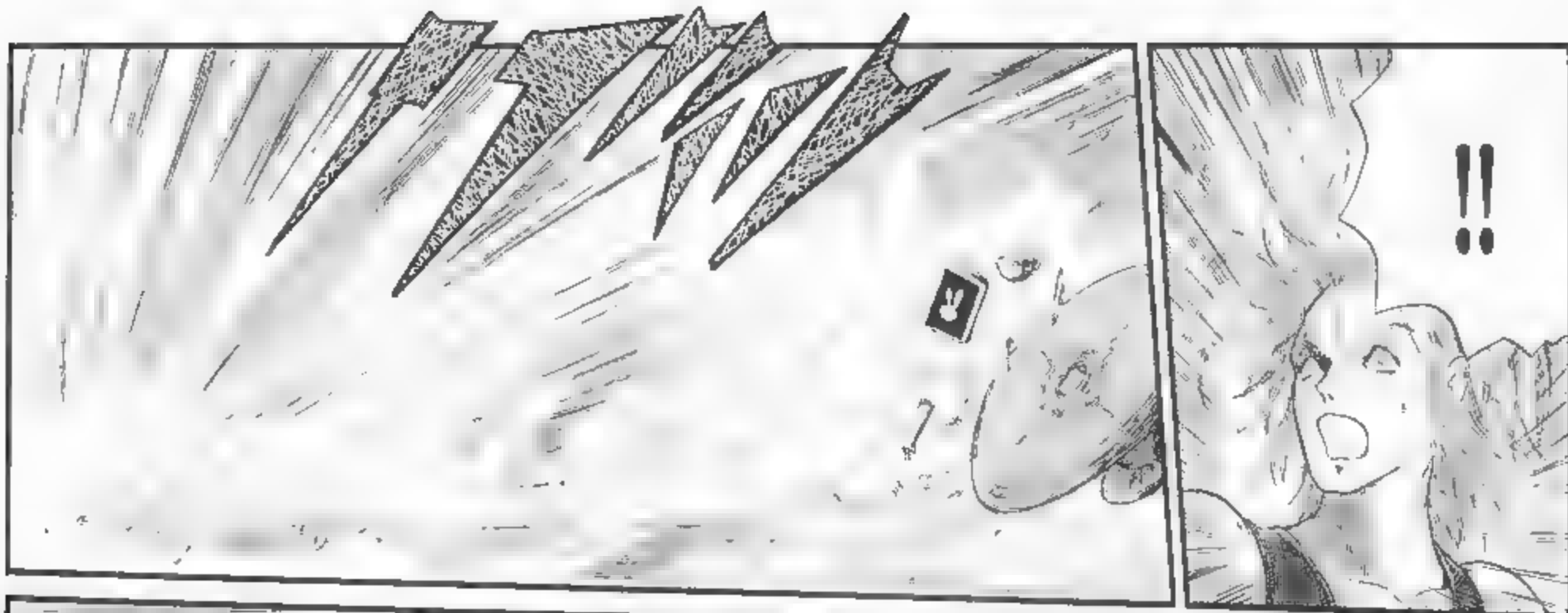


Look at this place! Delta Belin aristocratic decadency everywhere you look...

A while! Shit! It's been four hours... Tsk!







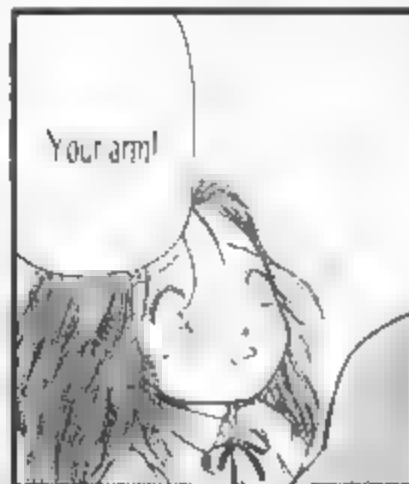


You okay?



I'm sorry... Sorry I scared you...

Look at that . Busted... multiple fracture... how about that?

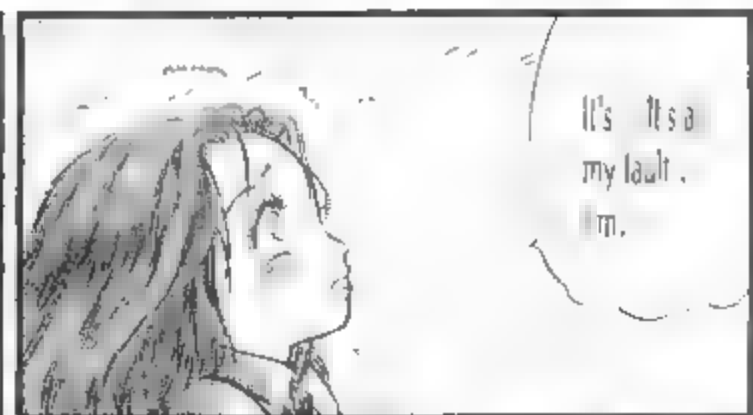


Your arm!

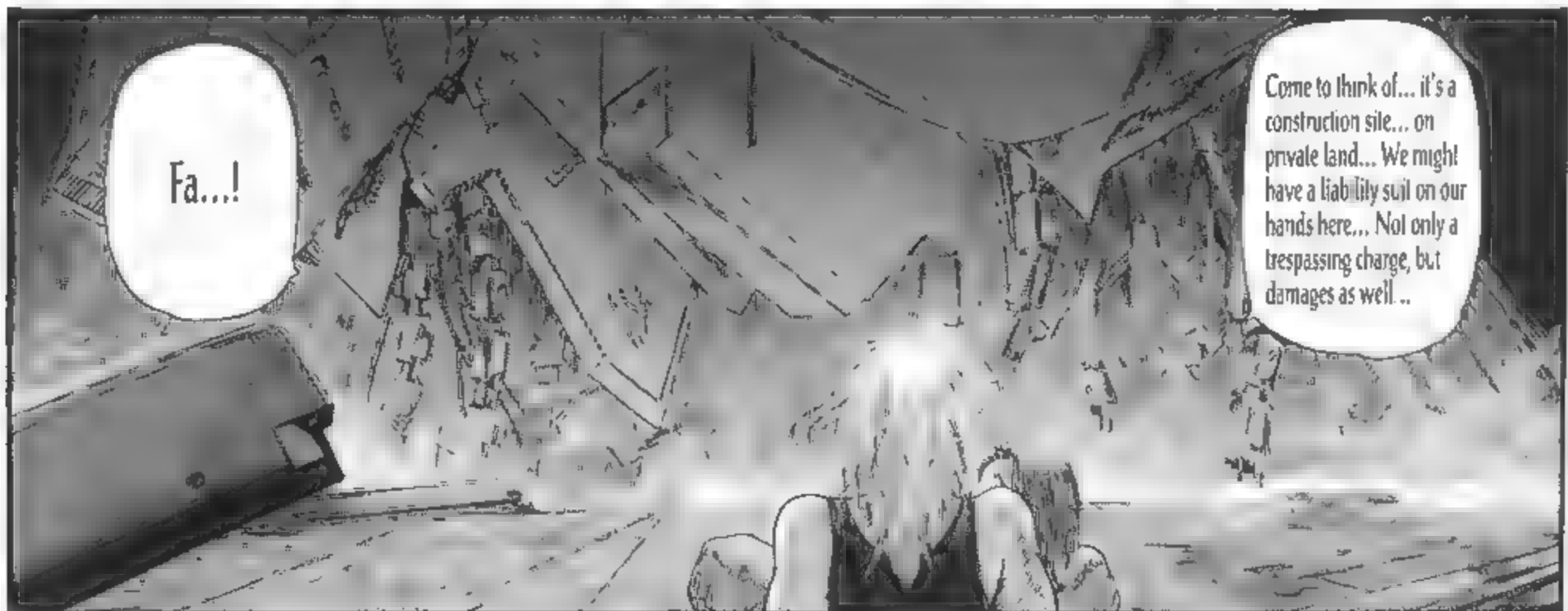


If anything had happened to you, I would have not only lost my job .

What are you talkin' about? It's only an arm... But you're gonna become the partner of a great headliner someday . You're one of the Galaxy's most precious possessions



It's It's a my fault . m.

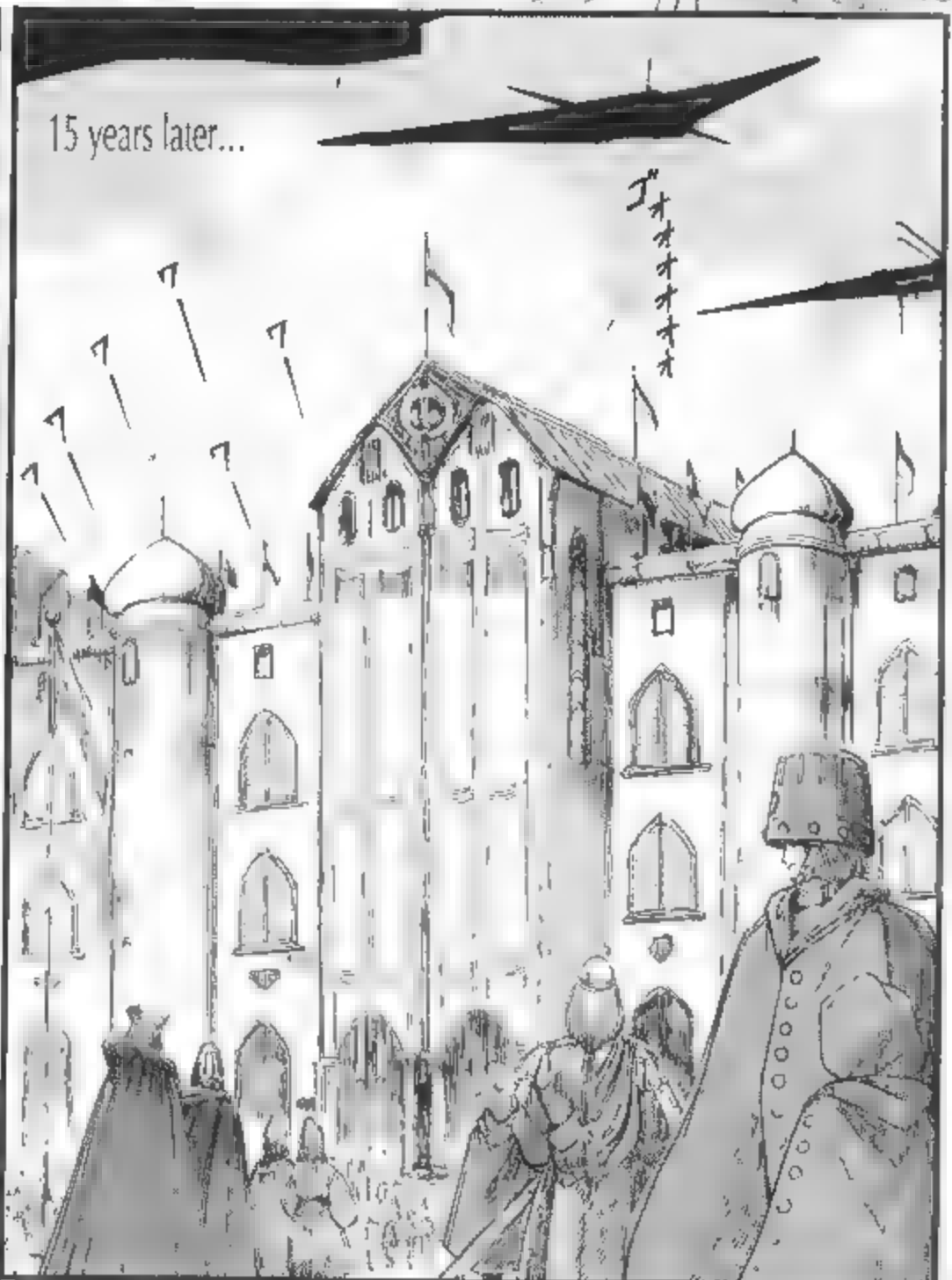
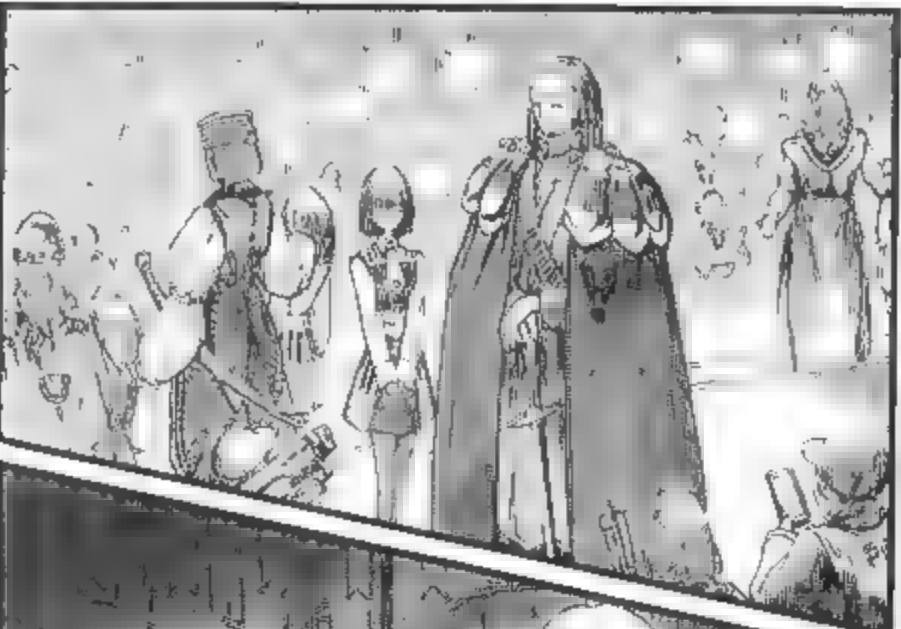
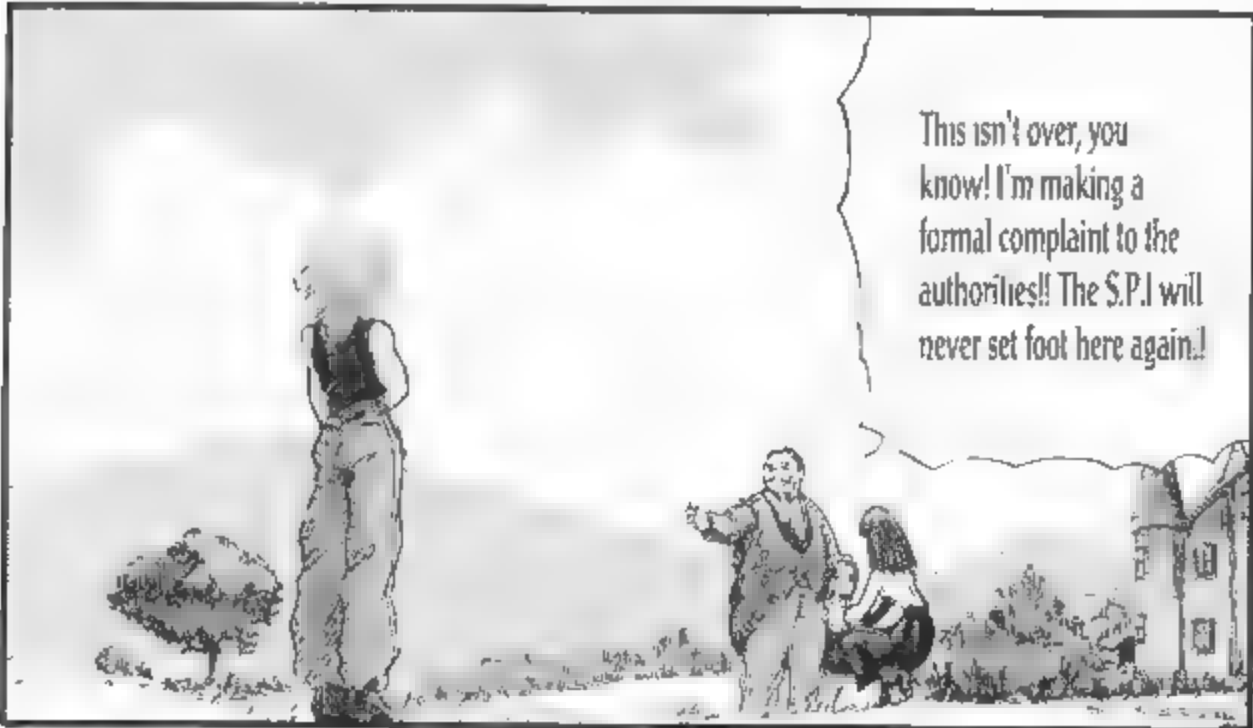


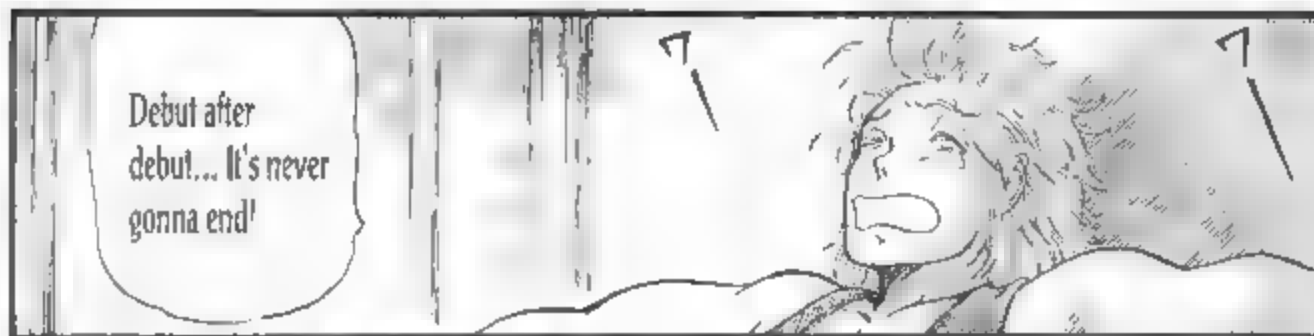
Fa...!

Come to think of... it's a construction site... on private land... We might have a liability suit on our hands here... Not only a trespassing charge, but damages as well ...



What's going on here! Who is that!





Debut after debut... It's never gonna end!



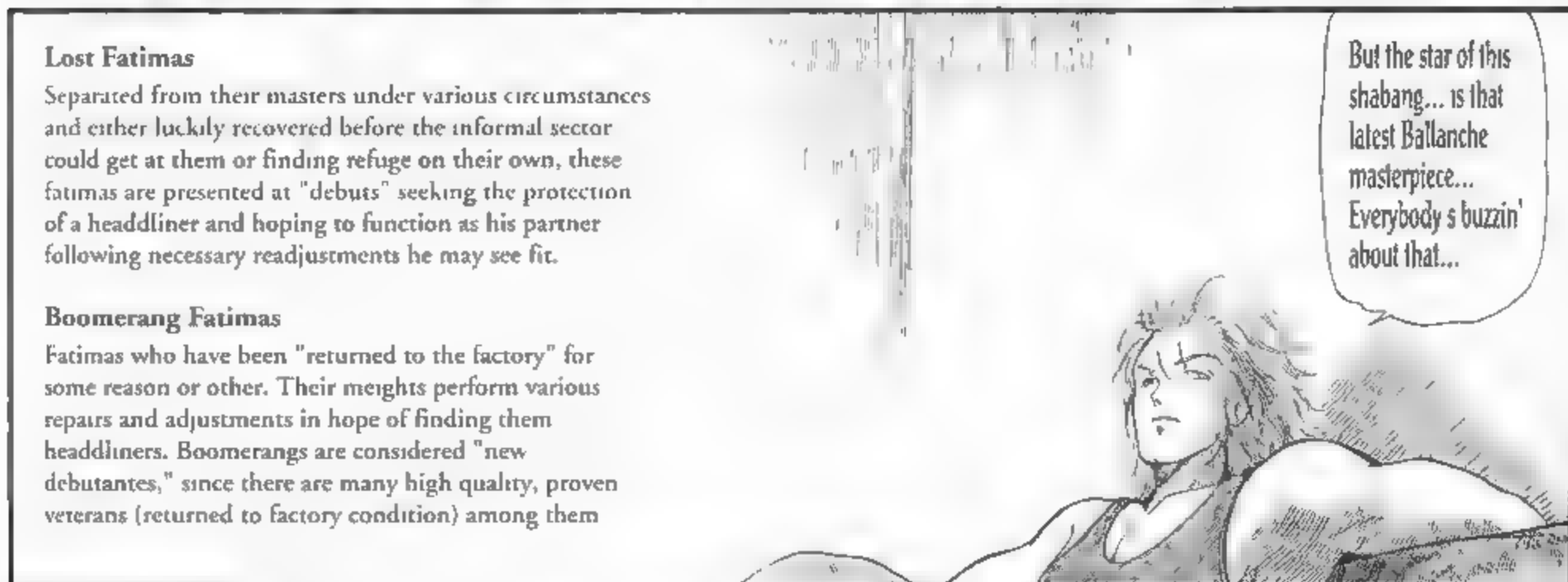
Yaawnnn...



Coupla nice boomerangs out there, though.. Ballanche's Andromeda... Koop's Tendroth* ...Prime quality...

Fatima's all over the place... 87 brand new... 31 in the lost and found department... 34 boomerangs...

It's because of all the diplomatic engagements scheduled... 104 of them!



But the star of this shabang... is that latest Ballanche masterpiece... Everybody's buzzin' about that...

Lost Fatimas

Separated from their masters under various circumstances and either luckily recovered before the informal sector could get at them or finding refuge on their own, these fatimas are presented at "debuts" seeking the protection of a headliner and hoping to function as his partner following necessary readjustments he may see fit.

Boomerang Fatimas

Fatimas who have been "returned to the factory" for some reason or other. Their meights perform various repairs and adjustments in hope of finding them headliners. Boomerangs are considered "new debutantes," since there are many high quality, proven veterans (returned to factory condition) among them



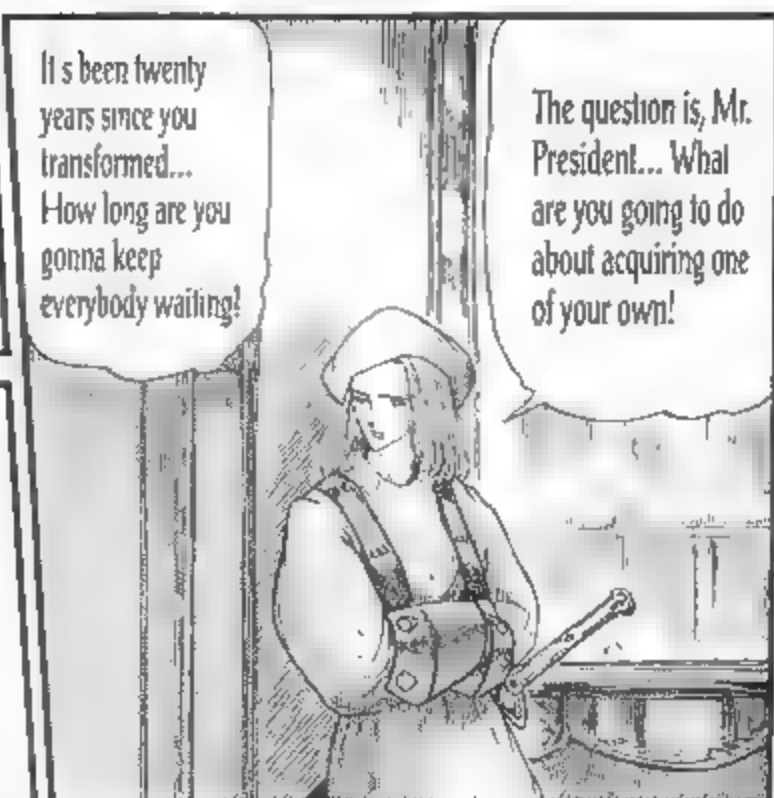
They don't turn me on, that's all! Skinny legs an' all!

I told you, Reef... Cut the "Mr. President" crap around here...



You know how many we've managed to persuade...

That attitude is exactly why no fatima would come within a block of you.



It's been twenty years since you transformed... How long are you gonna keep everybody waiting!

The question is, Mr. President... What are you going to do about acquiring one of your own!

どおすこお おお!!

You know... My idea of a fatima... I like big legged women... Megaton-scale... Somebody that packs a punch... Heh-heh-heh...

Yipes!

Every meight on Addler has given up on you!

You hold the world's record for boomerangs! Two or three days... and it's back to the factory!

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A Ballanche masterpiece... Last time Ballanche's Allecto was taken by Princess Codante, herself...

Whazzat? Poor little skinny legs an' all... No master this time around, huh?

Hey! It's all over! Now, get back to work!

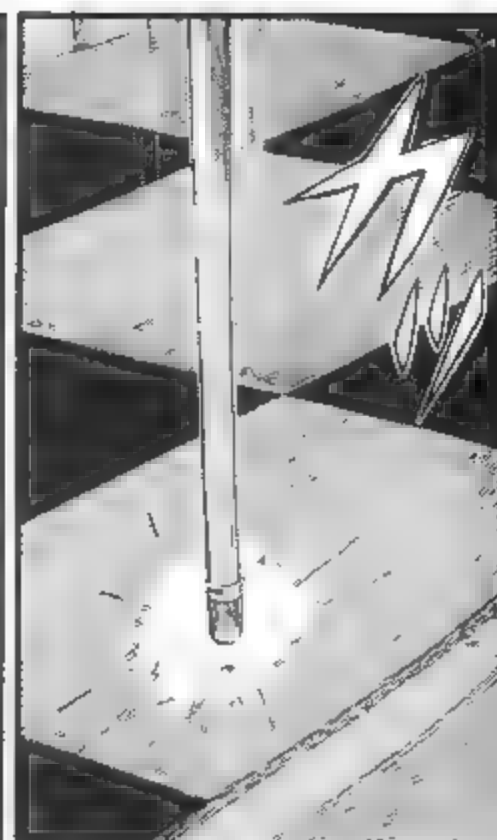
What do aristocrats know about anything! ...The kid's got good sense, anyway!

Our last and most sought after "debutante" will be put in the care of her meight until our next event!! We thank you all for coming and request the pleasure of your attendance at our next venue!! Good afternoon and have a safe trip home!!

What! Preposterous!! You can't mean to tell me that there is no one apropos among this illustrious host of knights and kings? This is most irregular!! What a shame!!

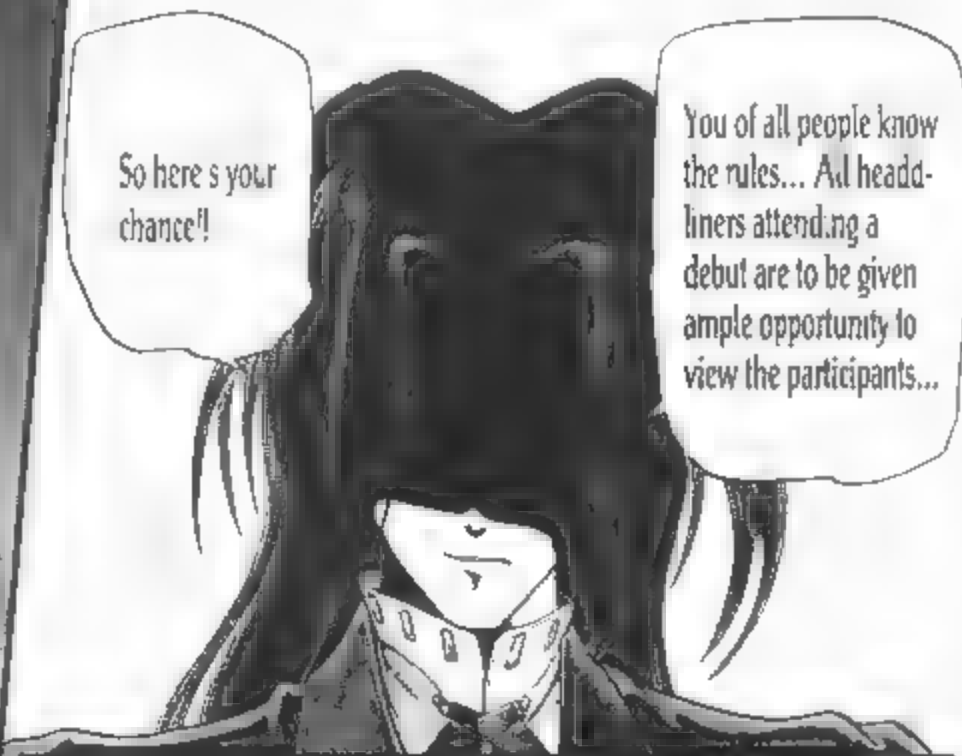
What a buncha bullshit... What's all the hoopla about... Whew!

Tsk...






Let me introduce my newest creation, Blue Megaella .. During the present exhibition she managed to turn down one of Fillmore's Three Musketeers, Lord Garead and Bakinnrakkan's highest ranking headliner Sir Bubram...




So here's your chance!!

You of all people know the rules... All headliners attending a debut are to be given ample opportunity to view the participants...




But she turned everybody down...

What...?



I don't hold a candle to those chevaliers... What chance have it got...

...Is. . this some kind of joke. .



No shi... aah. . Is that so...



Stop bullshitting me with that crap! What do you take me for?

She shouldn't give the likes of me the time of day... Give me a break!



Please wait...



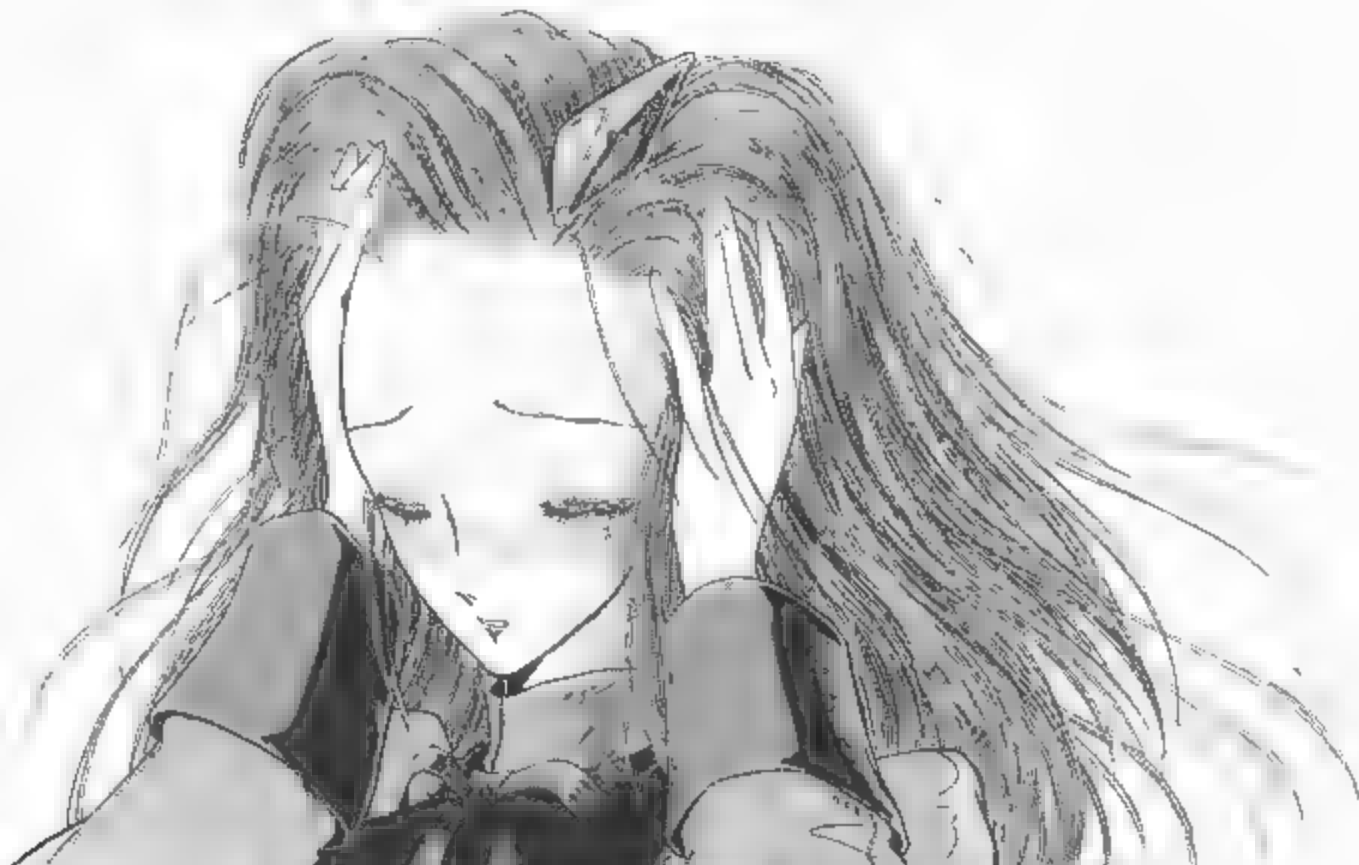
You still got the wrong guy... Excuse me...

Hen-heh...

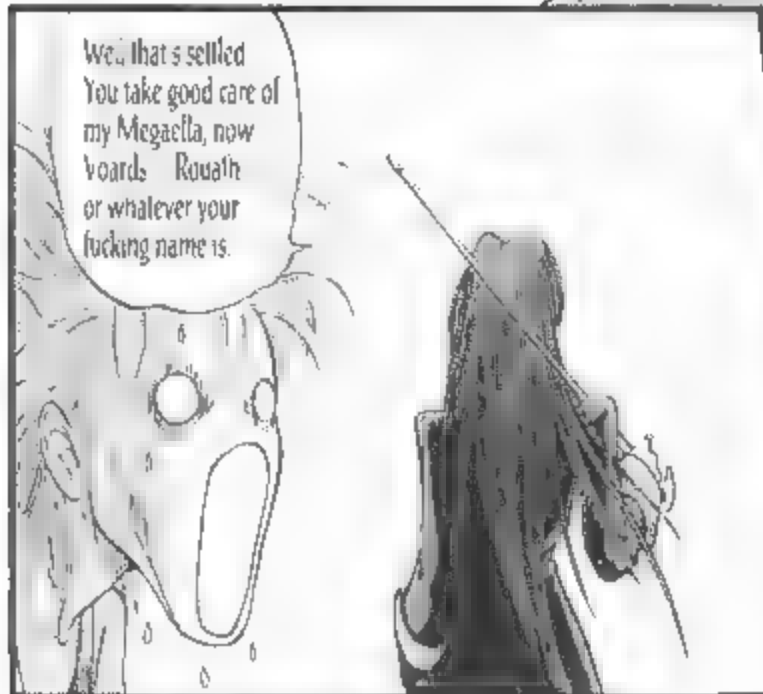
I wonder if you
remember...



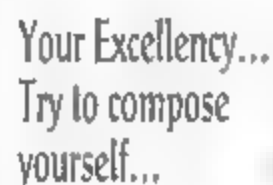
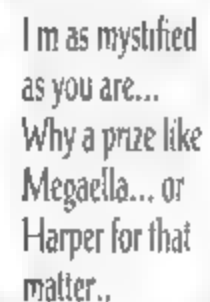
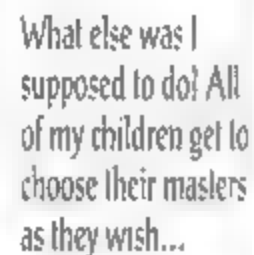
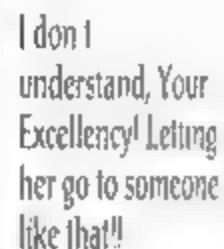
This...



Well, that's settled.
You take good care of
my Megaella, now
boards. Rouath
or whatever your
fucking name is.



N...
Noooooooooooo
oooooooooooooooo
oooooooooooo way!



W...I you

If you don't...
I swear... I'm
gonna go into
cardiac arrest...

Wait. Before you
say anything
more... Just wait
a minute...

Sir Knight
Please
choose me.

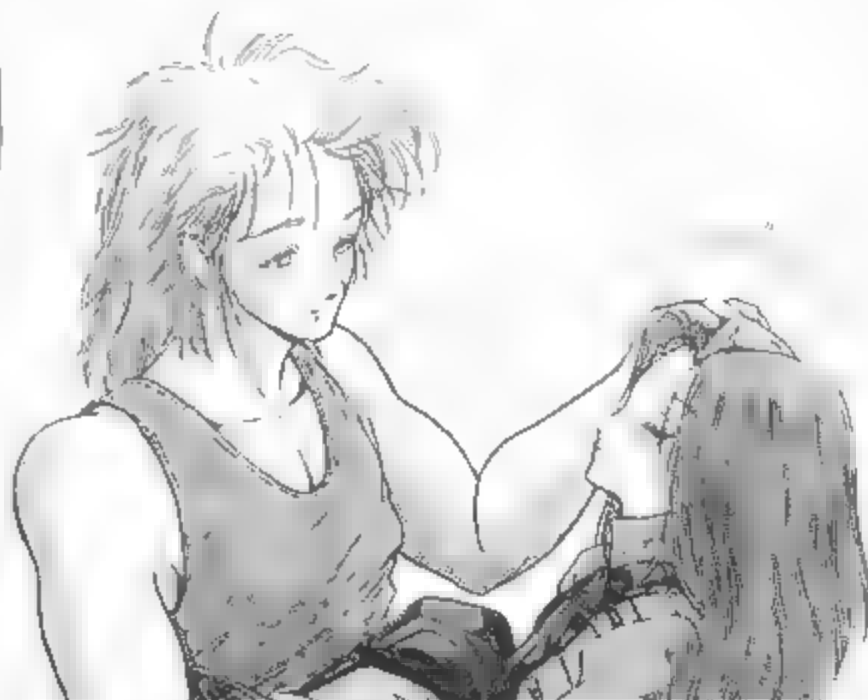
Allow me
to call you
"Master"!

Besides a rusted
piece of junk
MH... and the
worst job in the
Federation...

Look... What you
see is what you
get... There's
nothing else .

Don't even know
when to keep my
mouth shut...
You've got your
work cut out for
you... Little Miss
Windshield!

You really know
how to pick 'em,
kid... No lottery
tickets for you...



Master...

Yes...

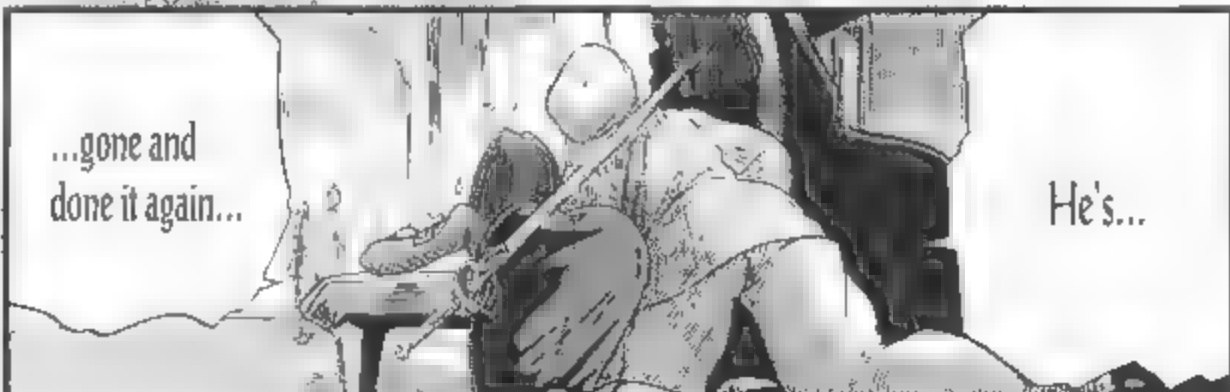
Hmmm... Pretty
crazy times back
then... Yep...

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...gone and
done it again...

He's...



What a mess! We've got
an international scandal
on our hands! How are
we gonna explain this to
the rest of the Galaxy?

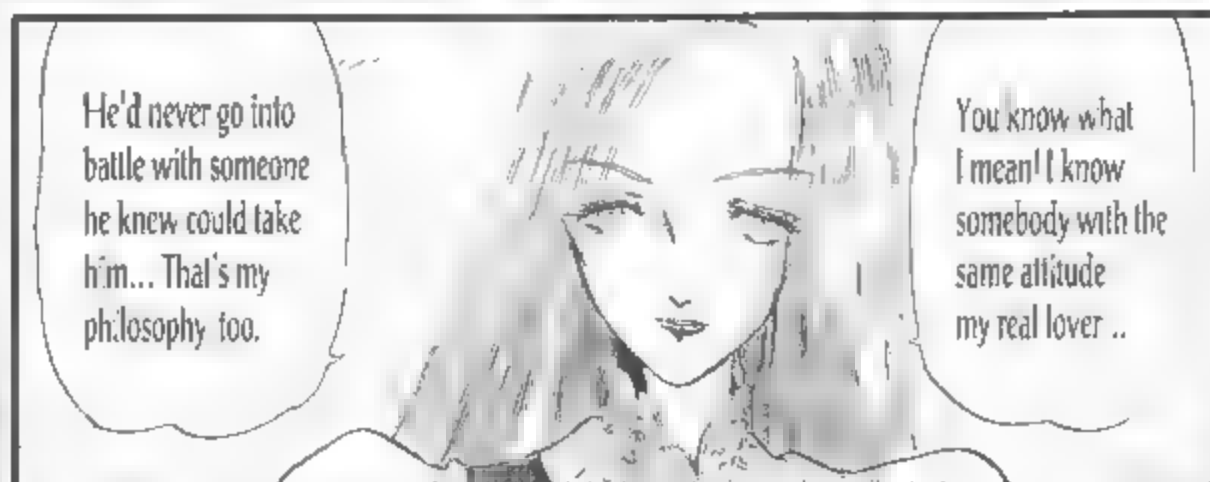
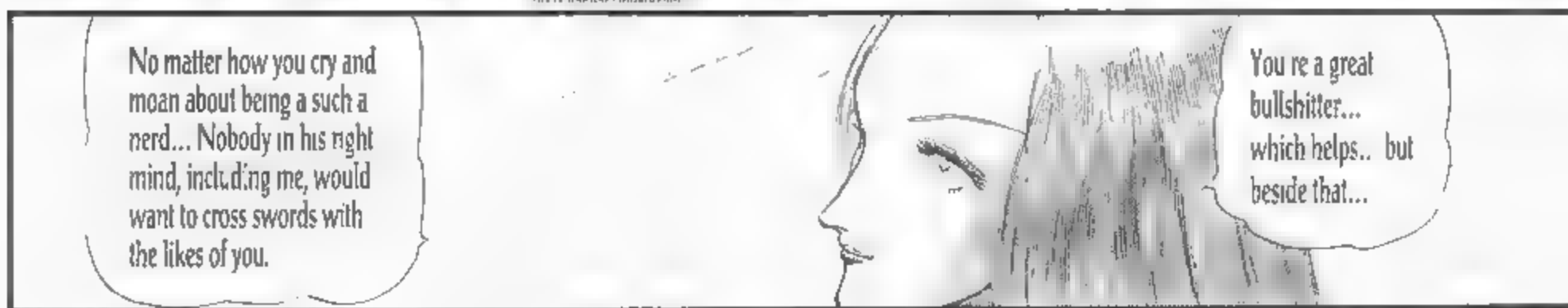
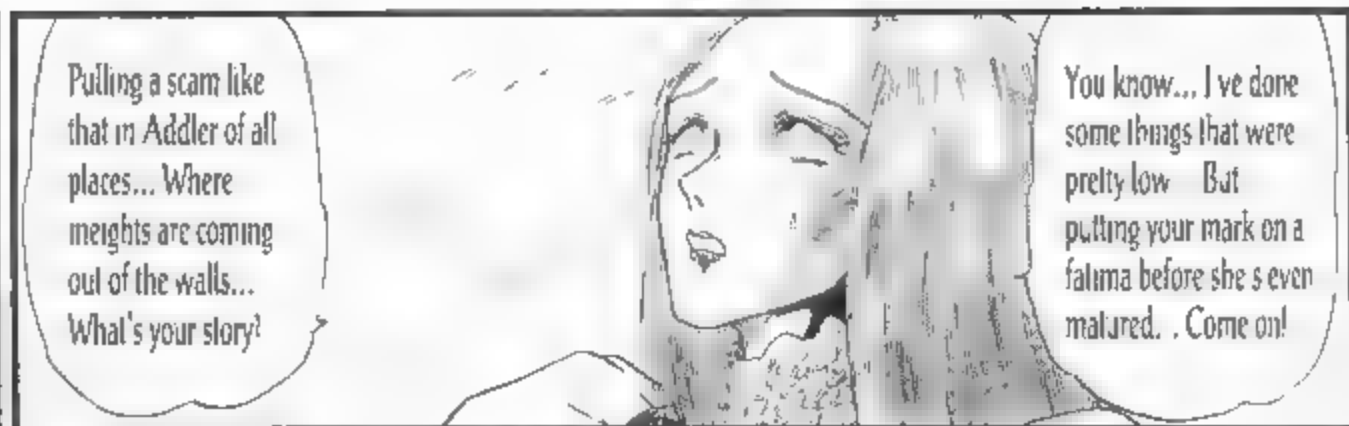
What are we gonna do
now, Lays! What's that
fatima doing here? No
one knew "President
Rouath" would be here!

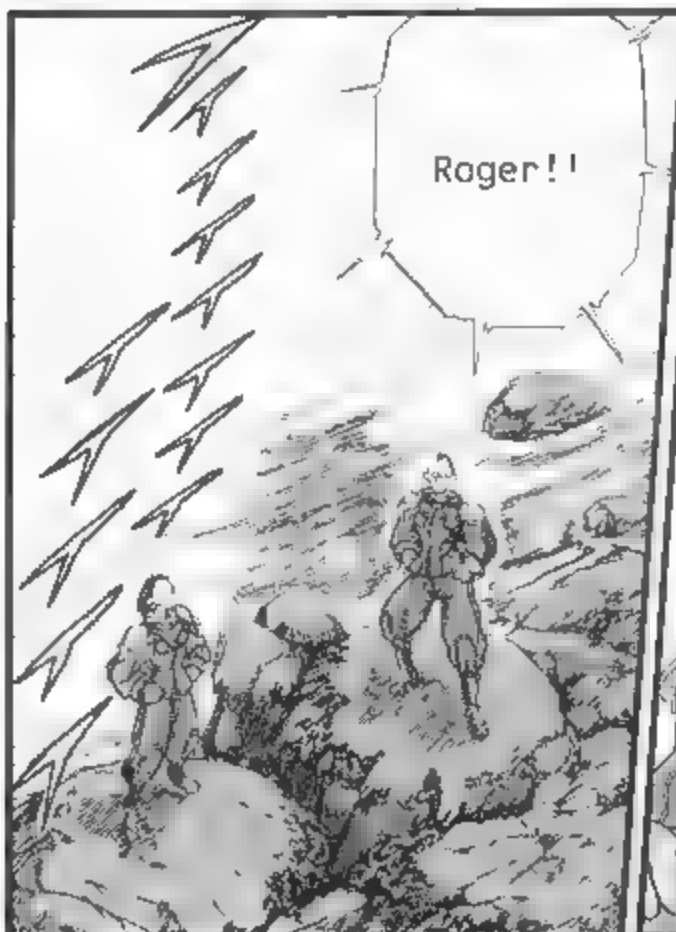
Then when he gets
back... All we'll have to
do is shrug our shoulders
along with everybody
else and say, "My! A
Ballanche fatima... Of
all things!"* Convene the
Council right away!

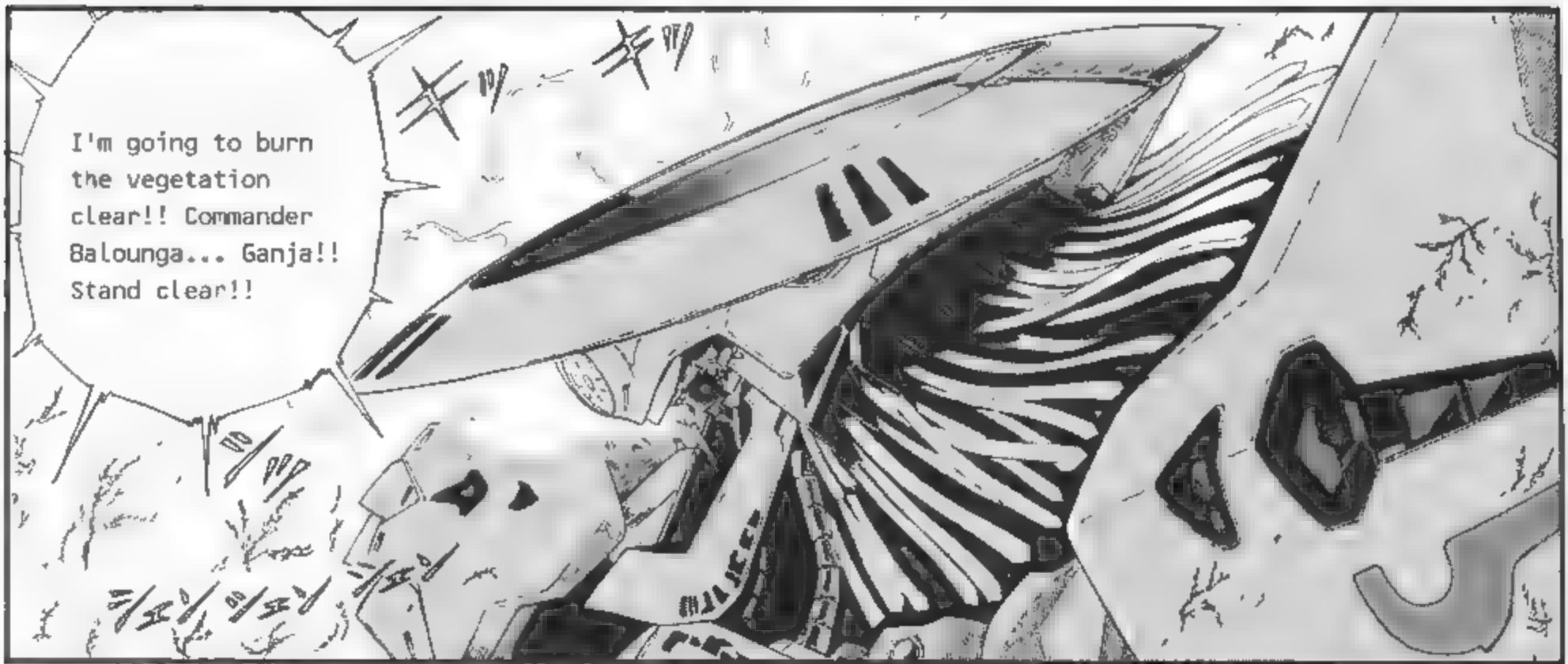
I know! We'll send the
President on sabbatical...
Ten years... Anywhere but
Addler... in disguise...



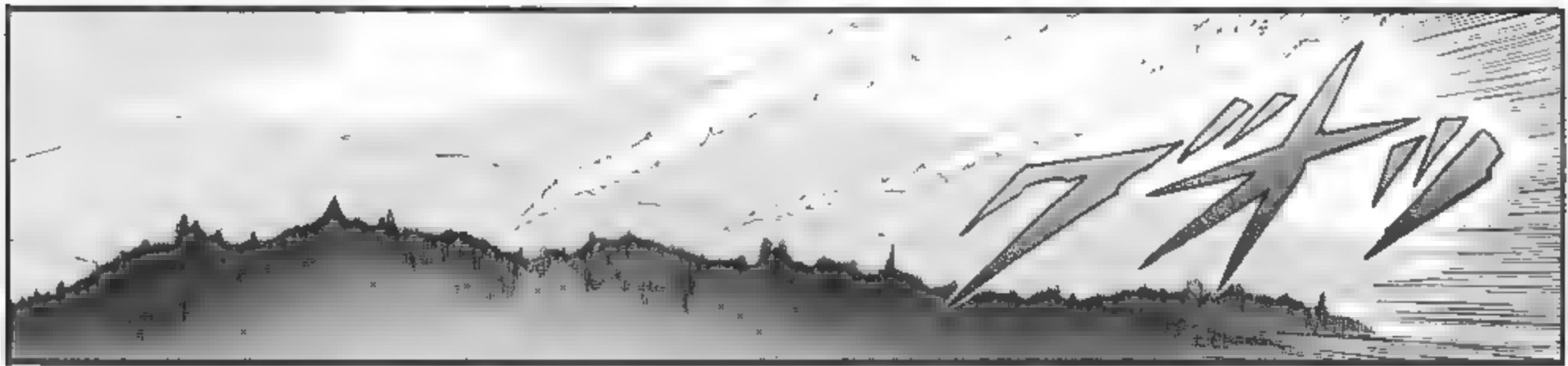
*A true story







I'm going to burn
the vegetation
clear!! Commander
Balounga... Ganja!!
Stand clear!!



Bingo! Let's go,
Ganja!!



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Master On the
right... at 2'20"...
Detecting an invisible
gateway wave!

Start up the A-Tolls!! Get the lead out!!



Aye-aye, sire!!







After all... He's
one of us... He
knows all our
moves...

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He's a deserter...
bereft of honor...
He's not ready to
risk it all
here...

Vector!!
Ganja!! We'll
play it by
the book!!



Do it right, now!
He's dangerous!
we'll attack with
everything we've
got!! Show him and
everybody else how
the Scrittis deal
with deserters.

Spalitada!! Have
you got a
sampling of
Harrer's A-Toll?
The data from
our emulated
battles!!*



Aye-aye s're!



10-4!




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Follow
Spalitada's
markers!!
Whoever's the
closest gets d'ibs
at the kill!!



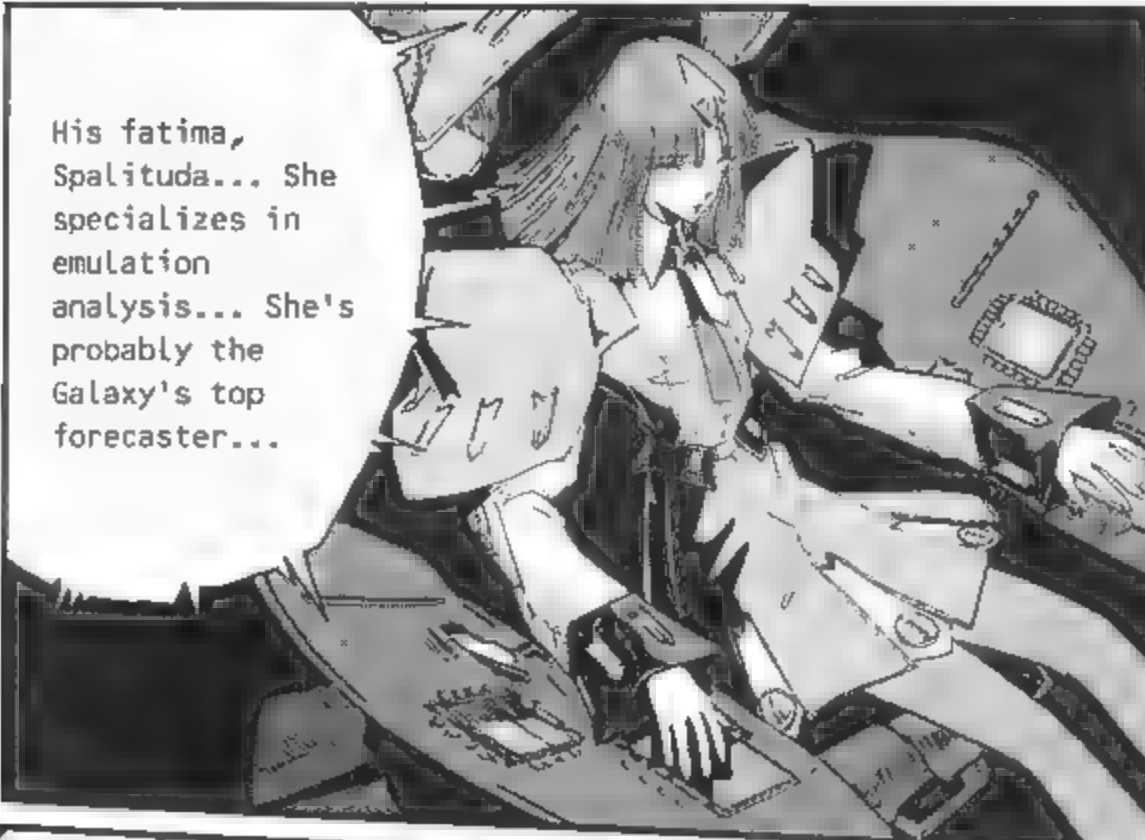
Don't worry! We've got plenty of emulation data on the way the Scritfis fight.

We can't get the Doctor mixed up in this. . We'll reverse course... It's going to be a little rough going...



Don't worry .. I'll be fine Master

How are you feeling, Harper?



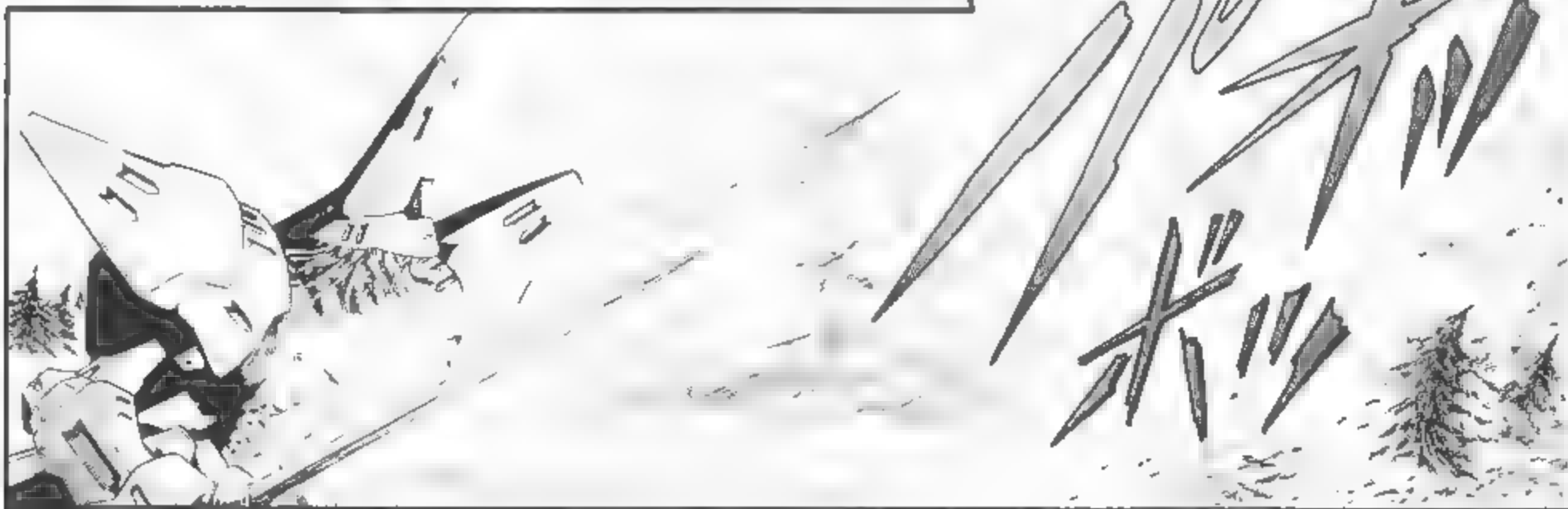
His fatima, Spalitura... She specializes in emulation analysis... She's probably the Galaxy's top forecaster...

But we've got to be careful! That's Commander Balounga out there!!



Copy that..

If they're able to read our position and movement, they've got three machines capable of a coordinated attack and the definite advantage.





Find them,
Spalitura!

He's spreading
the fire!
Don't let him
get away!



Vector!
Ganja!
Surround
him!!



Starting point
calculated!



A-Toll Embryo
data obtained!
Placing markers!



Waahooo!!




Master! Our maneuvers
are being sampled and
emulated!! Fall back and
I'll counter

Shit! They're fast!
We're being
surrounded!!




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They've surrounded us... We can't break through them! We'll make a stand here!!

No, Harper!
You're not that strong!!



No!! We are at a complete disadvantage here... Switching to counter emulation.



Now!

Master!! At my marker, switch the weaponry here!!



It's all yours...

Master!! I've
found their flank!

It's no use!

You're a dead man,
Harrer! You're in
my sites!!

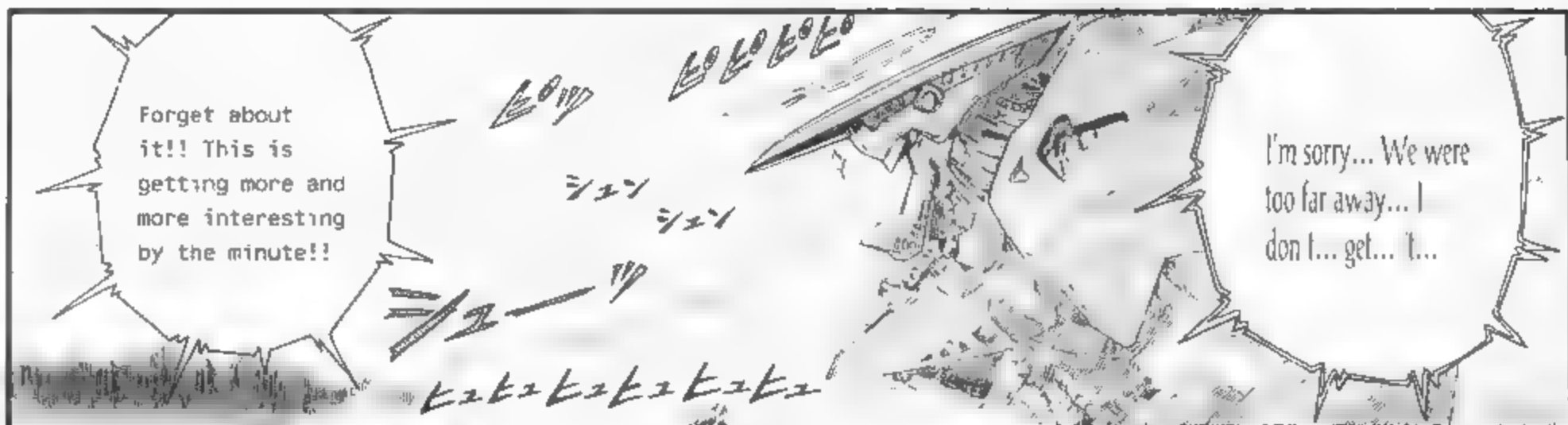
What the...!!

? ...Shit!!
He's...???
...Over there!?

Ha-ha-haaa!
What happened,
Spaliteda?

Error in
calculation!

It can't be!



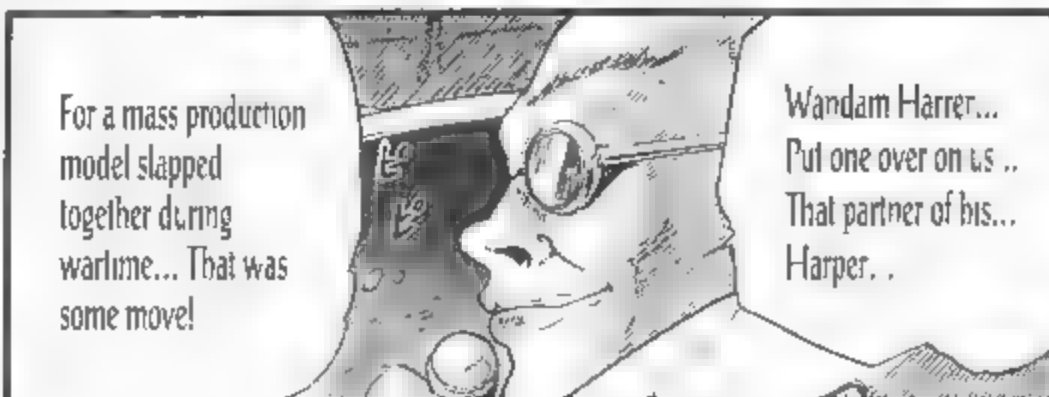
Forget about it!! This is getting more and more interesting by the minute!!

I'm sorry... We were too far away... I don't... get... t...



That must be it. She was emulating me... instead

don't understand. Something's wrong. The calculations... They're all correct...



For a mass production model slapped together during wartime... That was some move!

Wandam Harrier... Put one over on us... That partner of his... Harper...



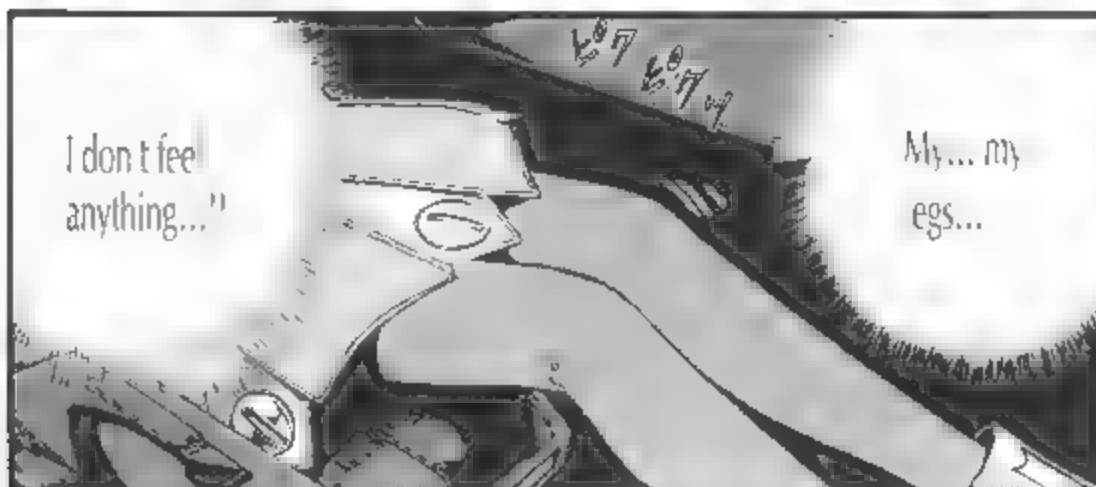
I can't believe we sprung their trap!!

Way to go, Harper!! You won... You beat Spalituda... at her own game...



For some reason... I got this idea that I could counter...

I... can't believe I either



I don't feel anything..."

My... my eggs...



Damm!! The
communicator I gave
her is being jammed
by battle noise!! Can't
hear a fucking thing!!

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Splitting up
was a mistake!!

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Concord!! Find
Meeth's locat on!
Hurry!!

I'll follow! We
can't let this
get outta hand
any more than
it has already.
Let's go!!

Voards!! You
deploy first and
set up an
obstacle, okay?

?

More than
that... Watch
out for
Balounga...

They're
masters at
coordinating
maneuvers!!

She's a
Ballanche
masterpiece!!

His
fatima...
Spalitura...

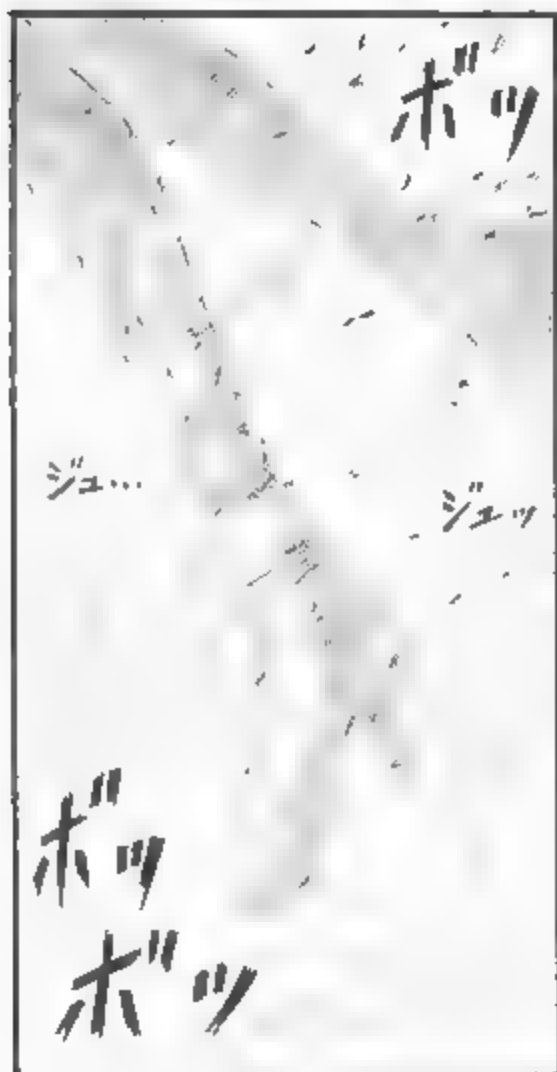
Eek!!

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..to learn to encourage us ..

Meeth At times like this You have...



Your legs. They're on fire, Build!

I'm sorry... So sorry... You must be scorching!!



Yes!!

Build!! You can do it... Come on, Build... We're gonna make it!

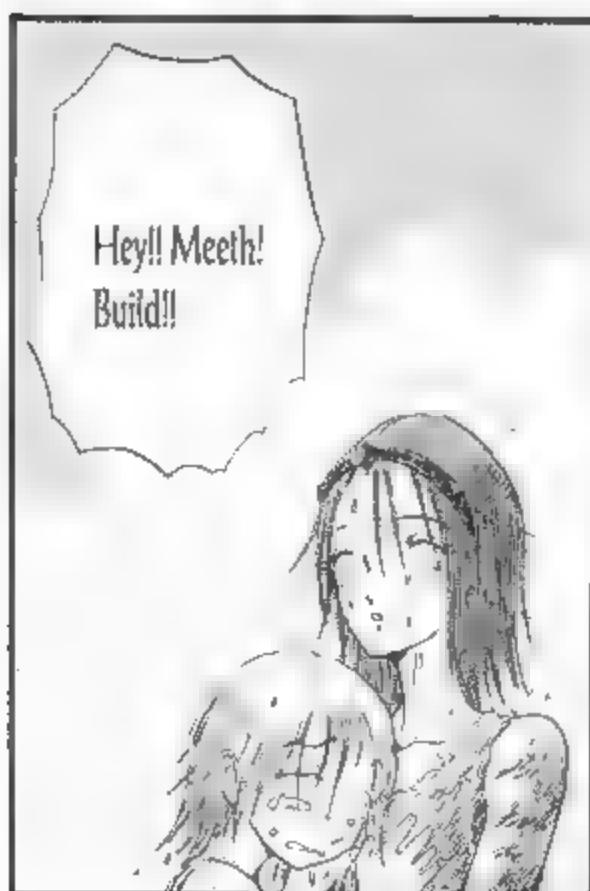
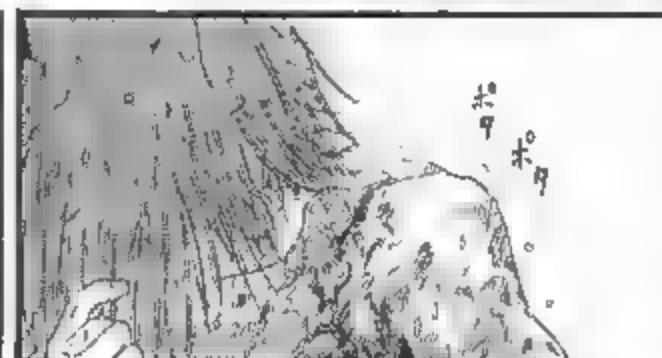
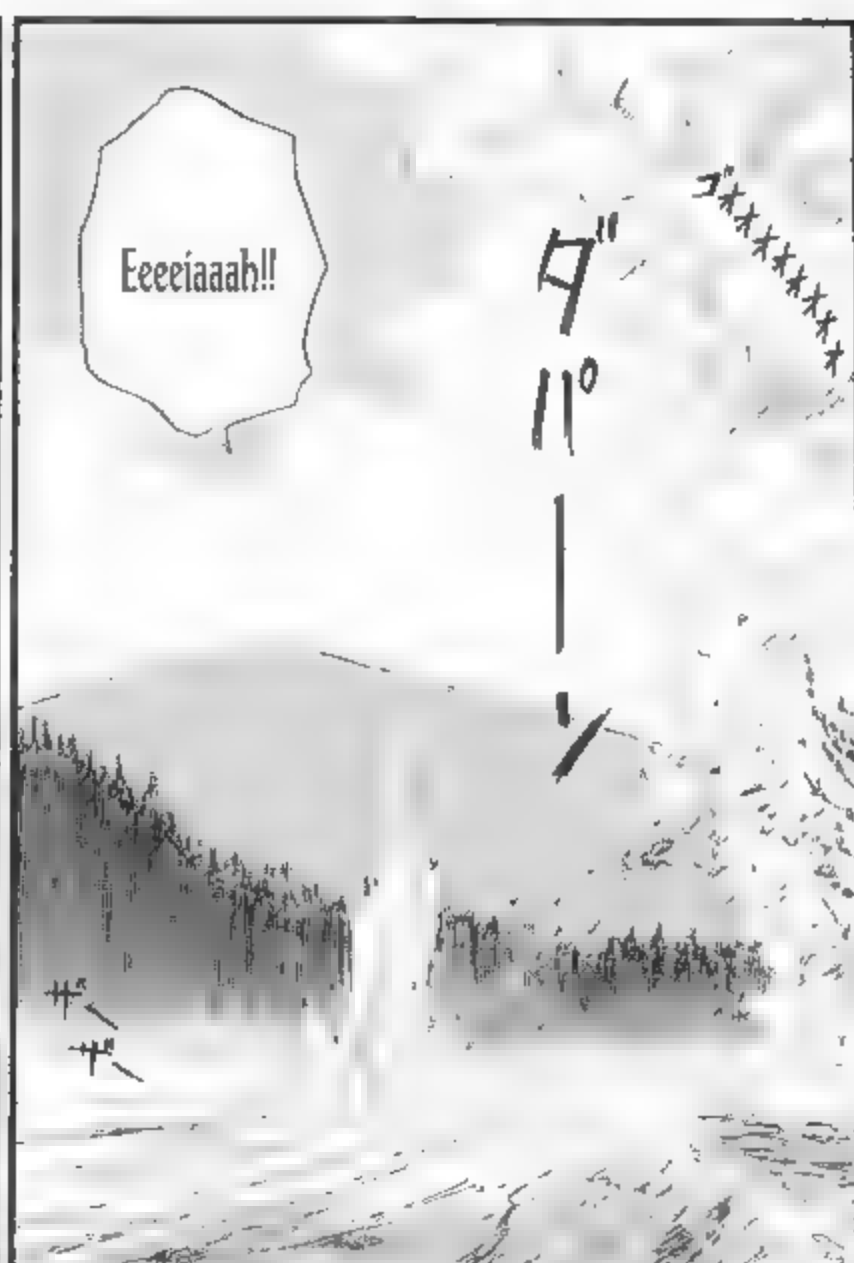
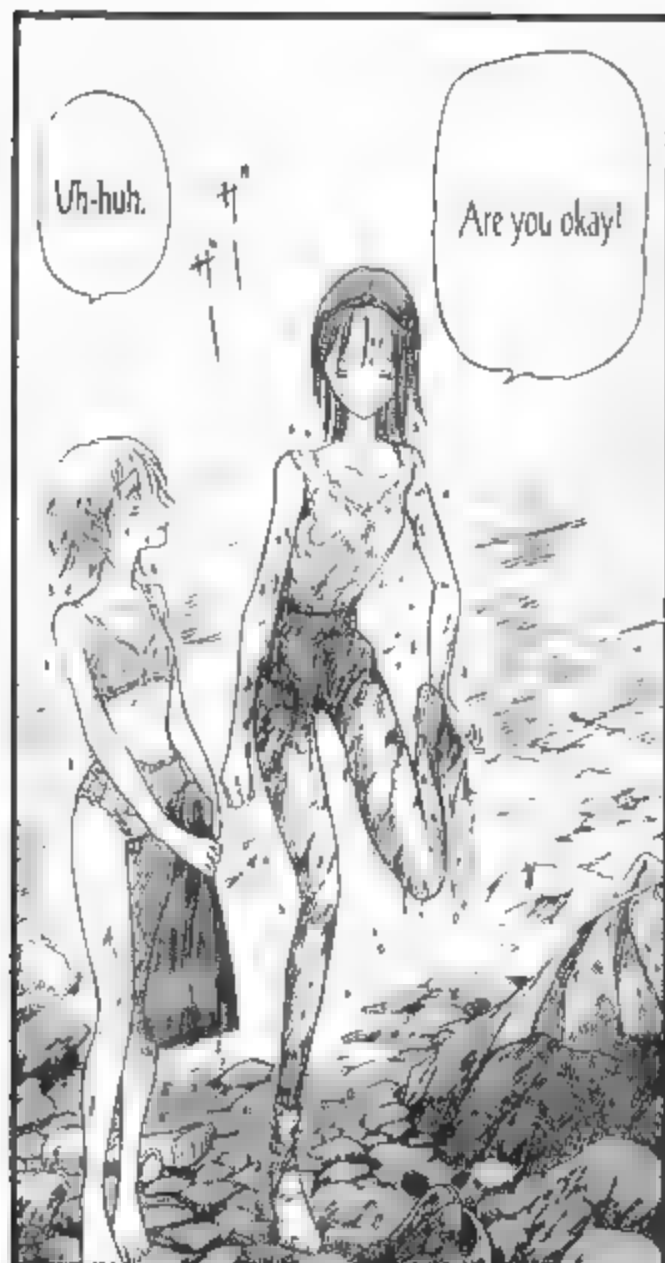


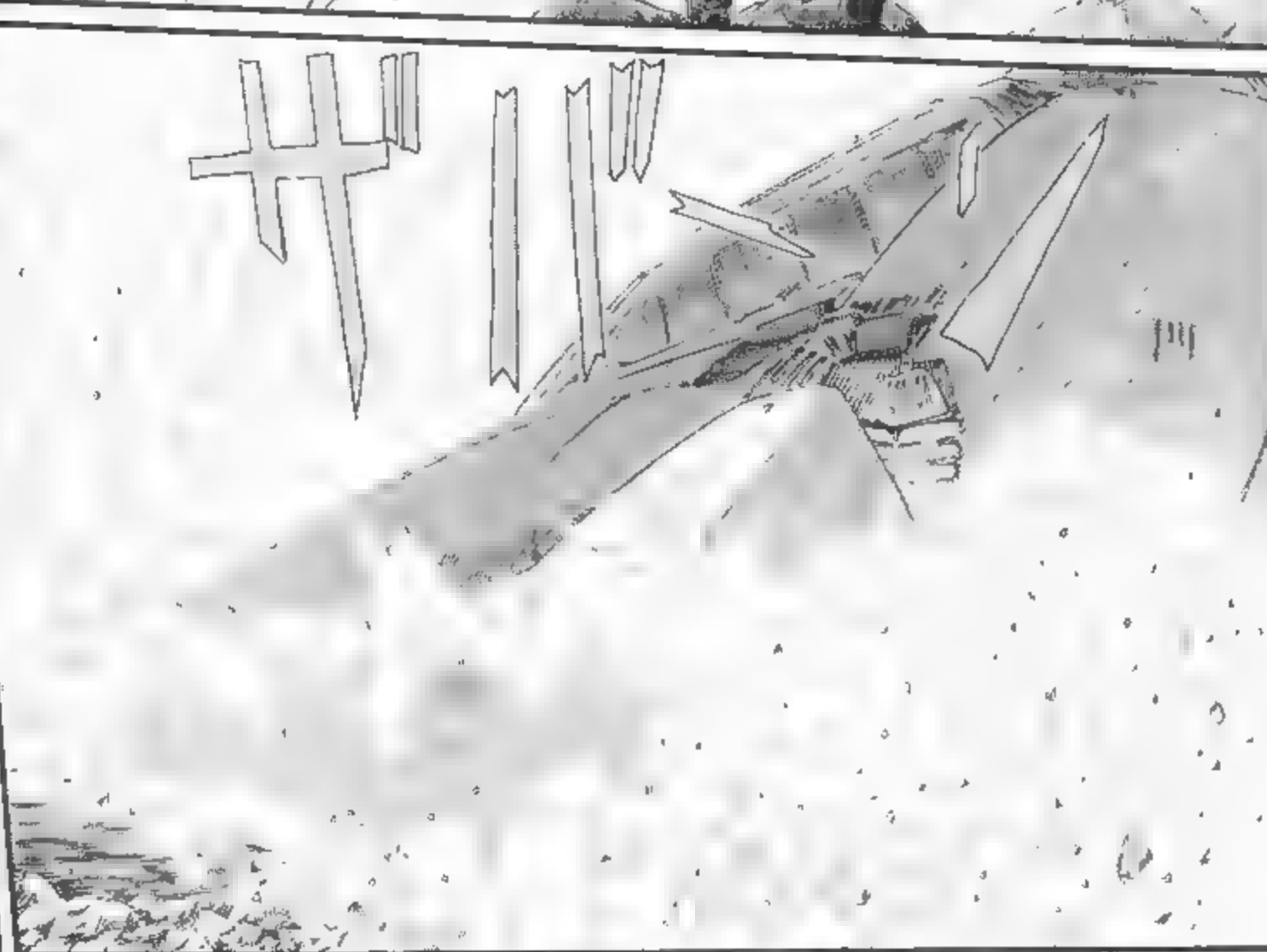
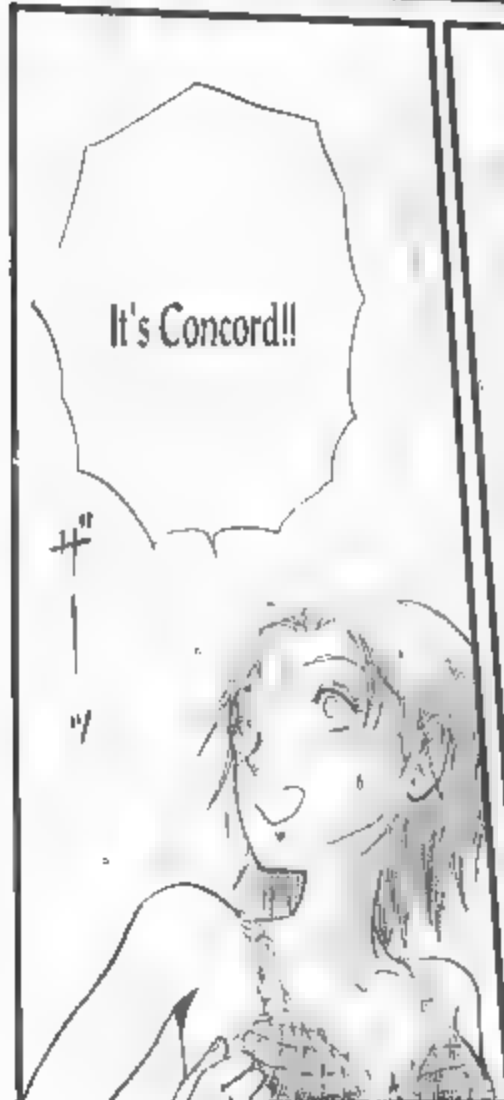
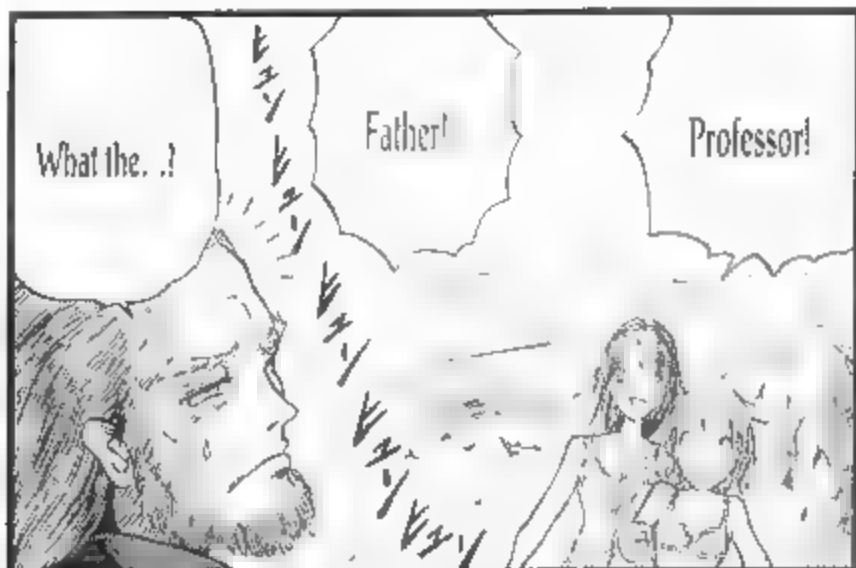
...Buil...



I'm going to jump! Keep your head down, alright!

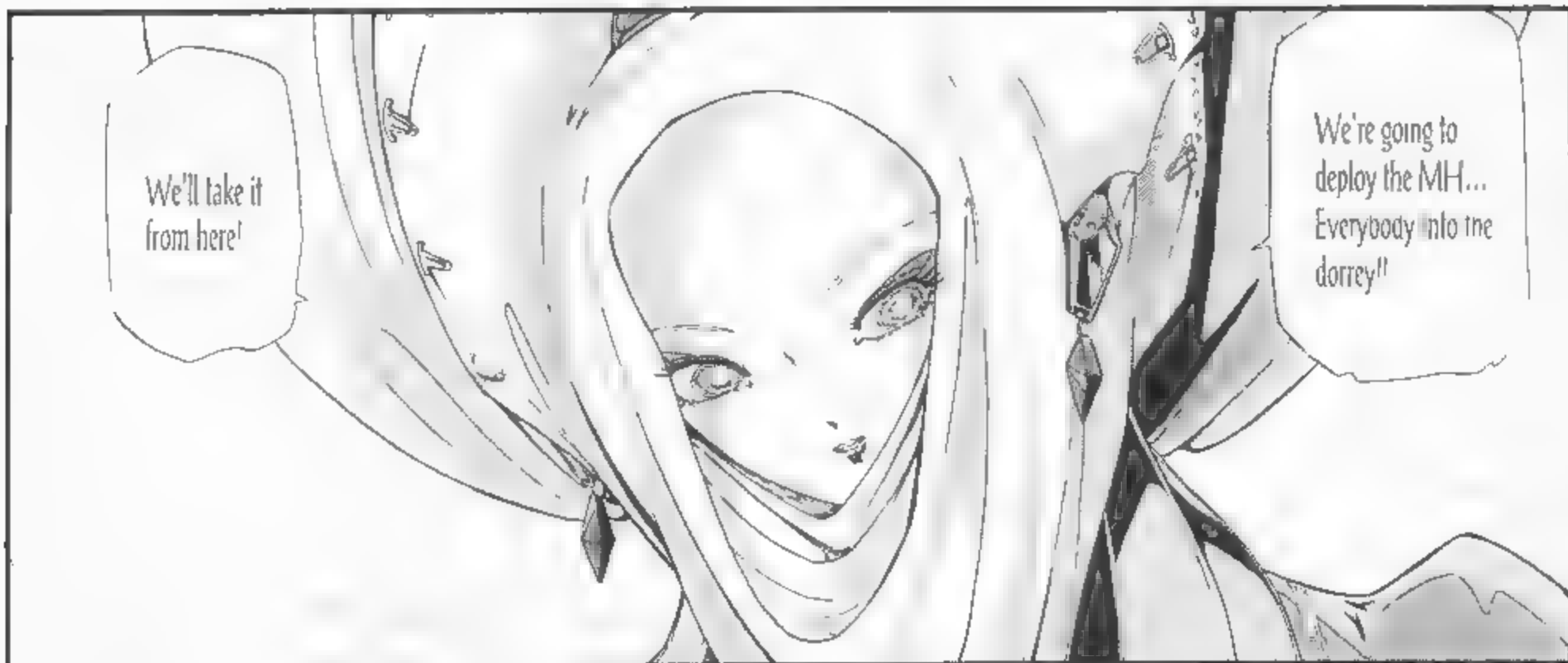






Master!! There
they are! With
Doctor Morard!





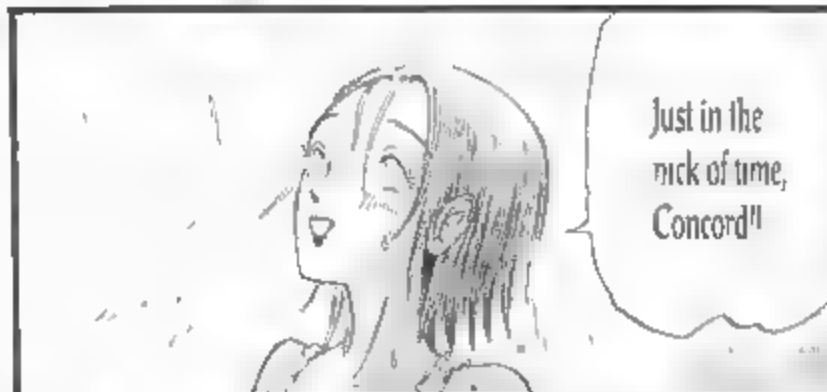
We'll take it from here!

We're going to deploy the MH... Everybody into the dorrey!!



It's Concord! She's Jabo's fatima...

What in the hell is... goooiin' ooooooooo here!! What're you doing in that... that... that getup!!



Just in the nick of time, Concord!!



That's even worse... No! No! No! I don't want him around her, either!

What? With... Viewlard????



Uh-hun!

Ja... bo! Oh shit... Not that Jabo... Jabo Beat! Hatha ha's ultra-ace!

What?



No, Professor!! They came to help him!! With Sir Voards!!

Oh no!! You've come to arrest Harrer, haven't you? Stop!! You don't know what you're doing!



Huh...

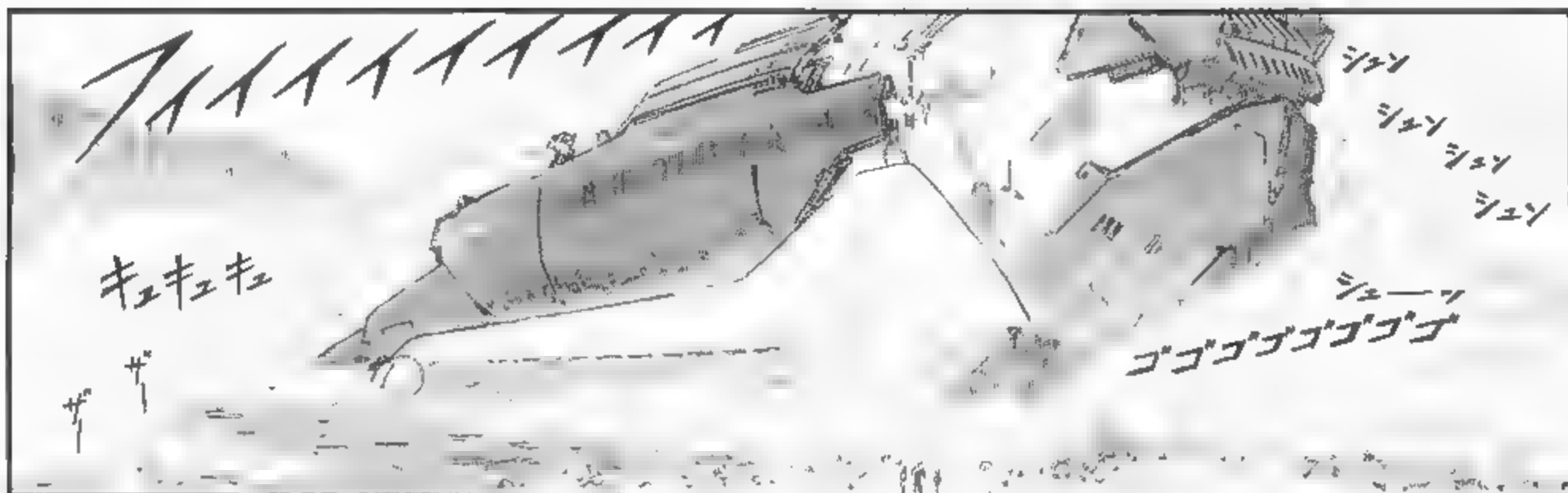


Ooof! Build!! What the hell are you doin'... Put your father down... this instant!!

Okay!

Build!! Do something! Everything seemed so simple before

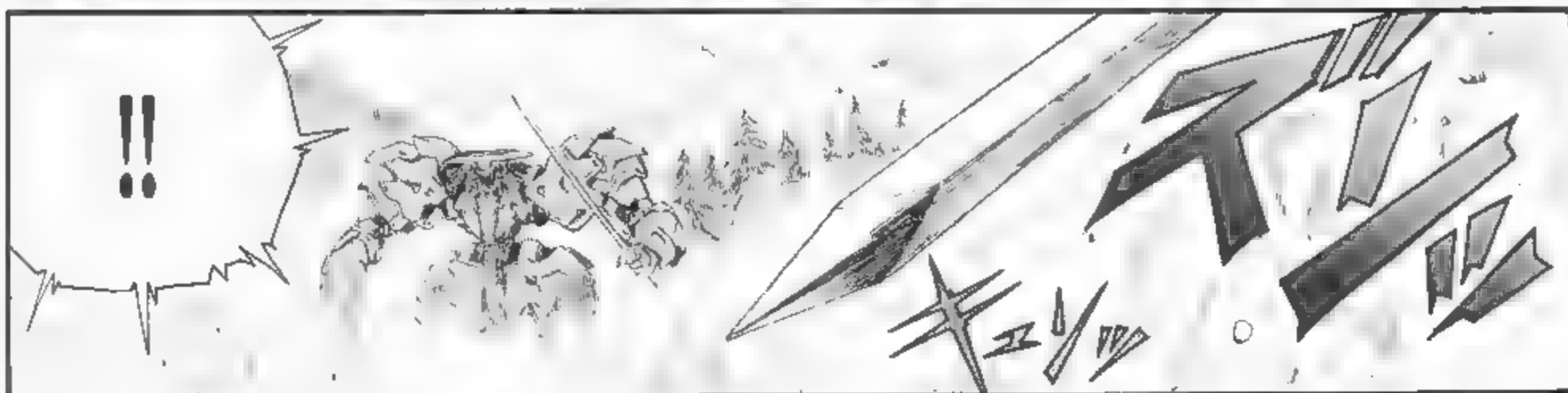
et me go dammit! You're crushing me like a bug! You don't know your own strength! Cut it out! I can't breathe!



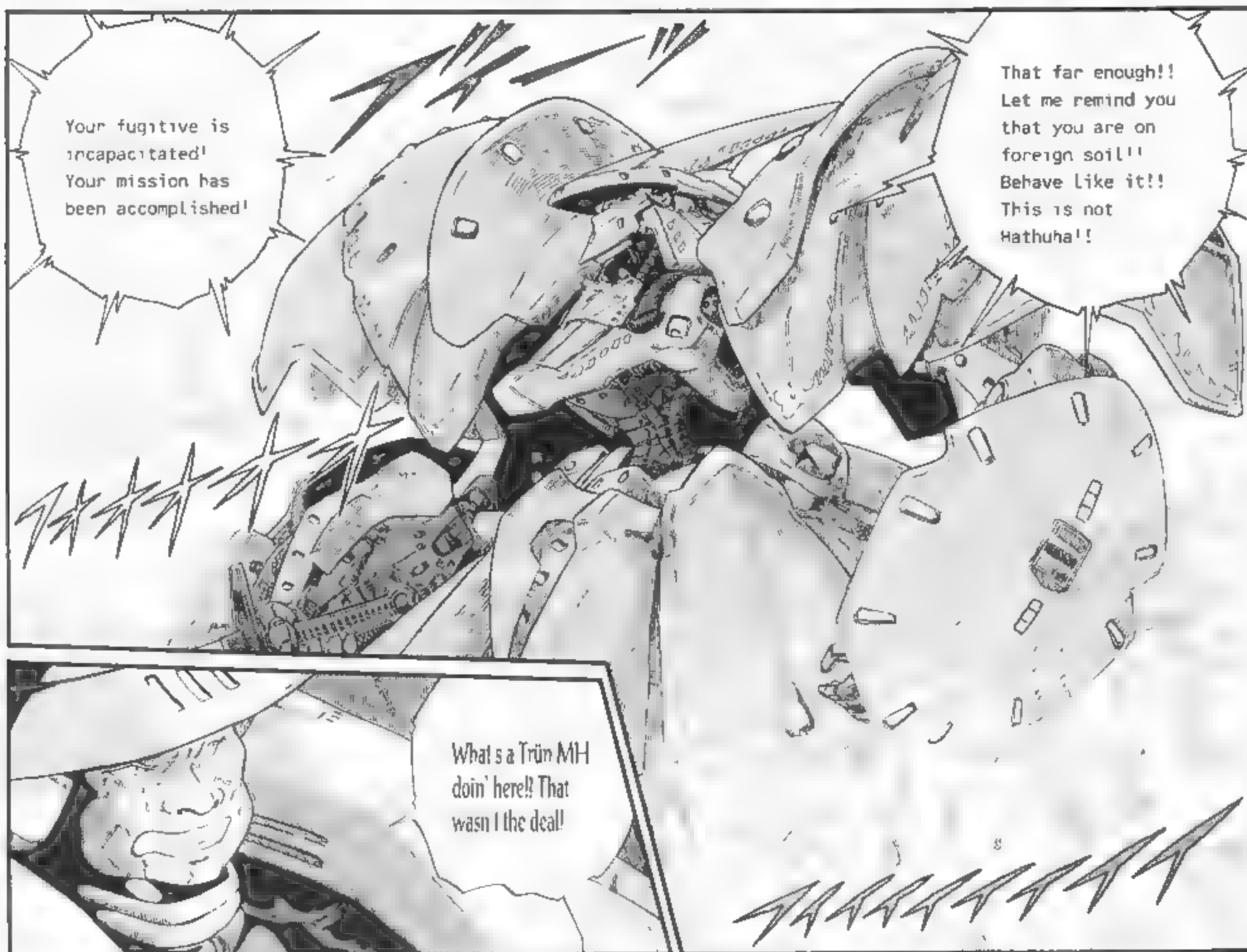




Harrer...
he's come
to a stop!!



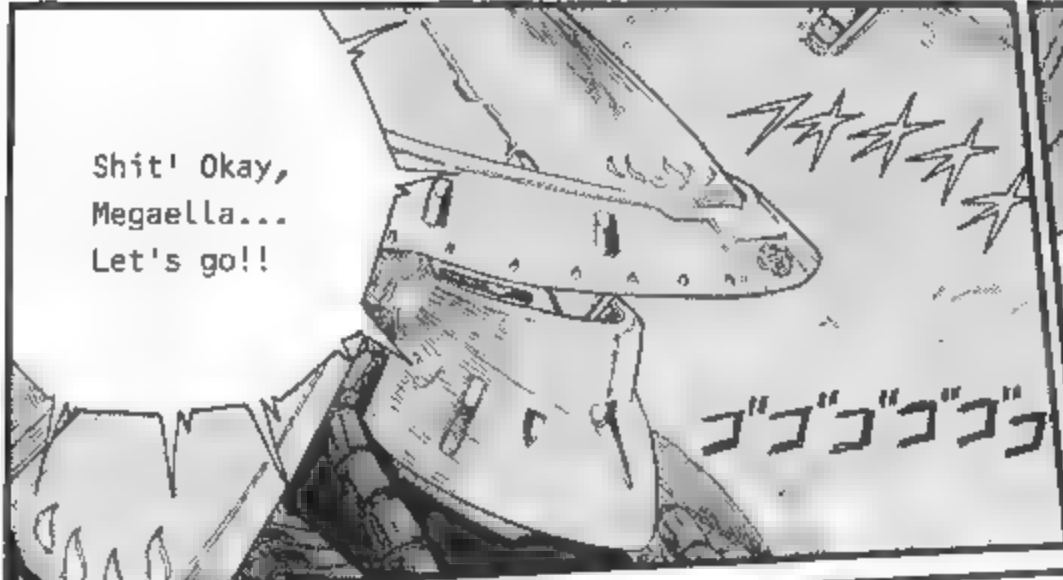
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Your fugitive is
incapacitated!
Your mission has
been accomplished!


That far enough!!
Let me remind you
that you are on
foreign soil!!
Behave like it!!
This is not
Hathuha!!

What s a Trün MH
doin' here!! That
wasn I the deal!




Shit! Okay,
Megaella...
Let's go!!


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Never mind that
idiot! Vector!!
Get a hold of
Harrer and hold
him down!!



As you wish... But the
hands-on testing of the
new cockpit equipment
still isn't complete...



After all... This darling
dates back to Sir Swans.
You wouldn't want to
wreck it, would you?

Their power and
striking force are far
superior to ours

Don't you think
I know that...

Why is it every
time I say "go,"
you get cold feet!?

Here we go!

!!

A mortar boom!!

You know what that was,
don't you? A mortar boom...
A pulse that loads everything
a heavy armored MH has...
on the edge of a sword... It's
one of Nakkandrah Swans'
fact.cs!!

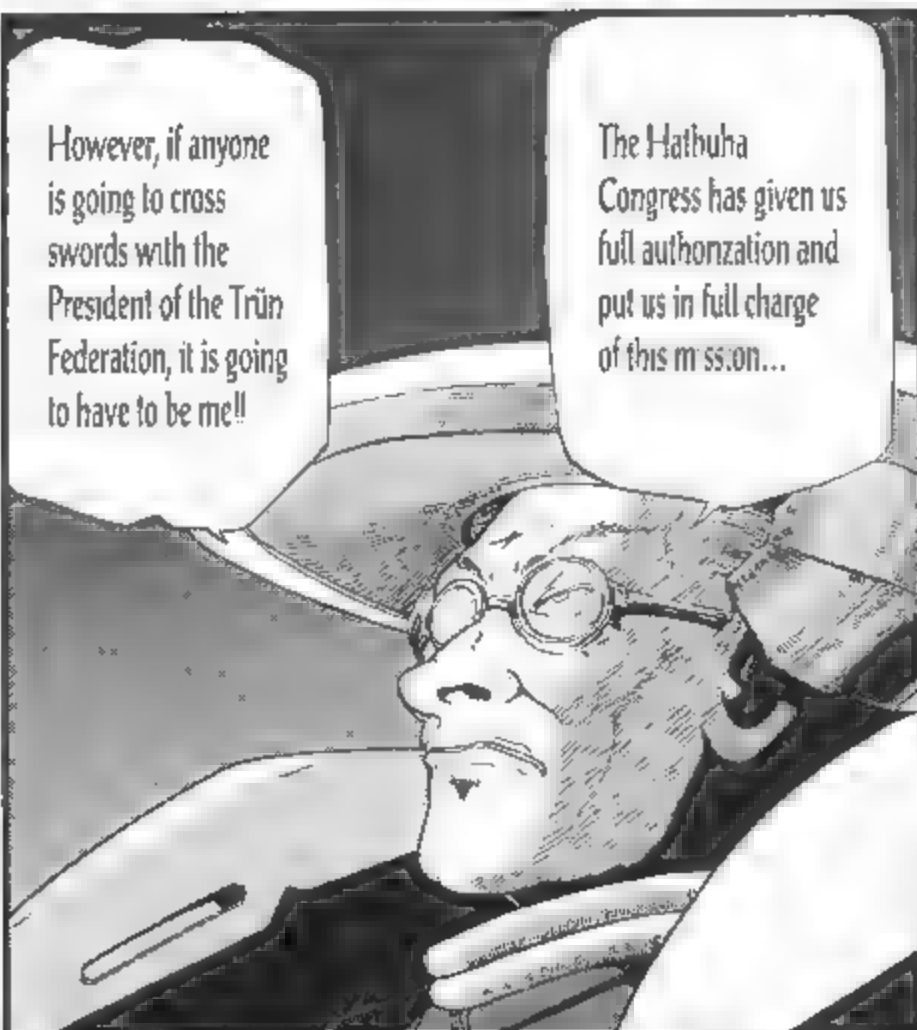


Why? I can
take him!!

Vector!! Get
outta there!
It's my turn!!

However, if anyone
is going to cross
swords with the
President of the Trün
Federation, it is going
to have to be me!!

The Hathuha
Congress has given us
full authorization and
put us in full charge
of this mission...



That's not the
point! Whoever
that headliner
may be, we have
a duty to
perform!!

Master!! That
MH... Anything
further could lead
to an internationa
incident!!



If we stop
now, there'll
be hell to pay
in Hathuha...
So what's the
difference?

If I decide to point my
sword at this region's
chief executive...
that's my business!

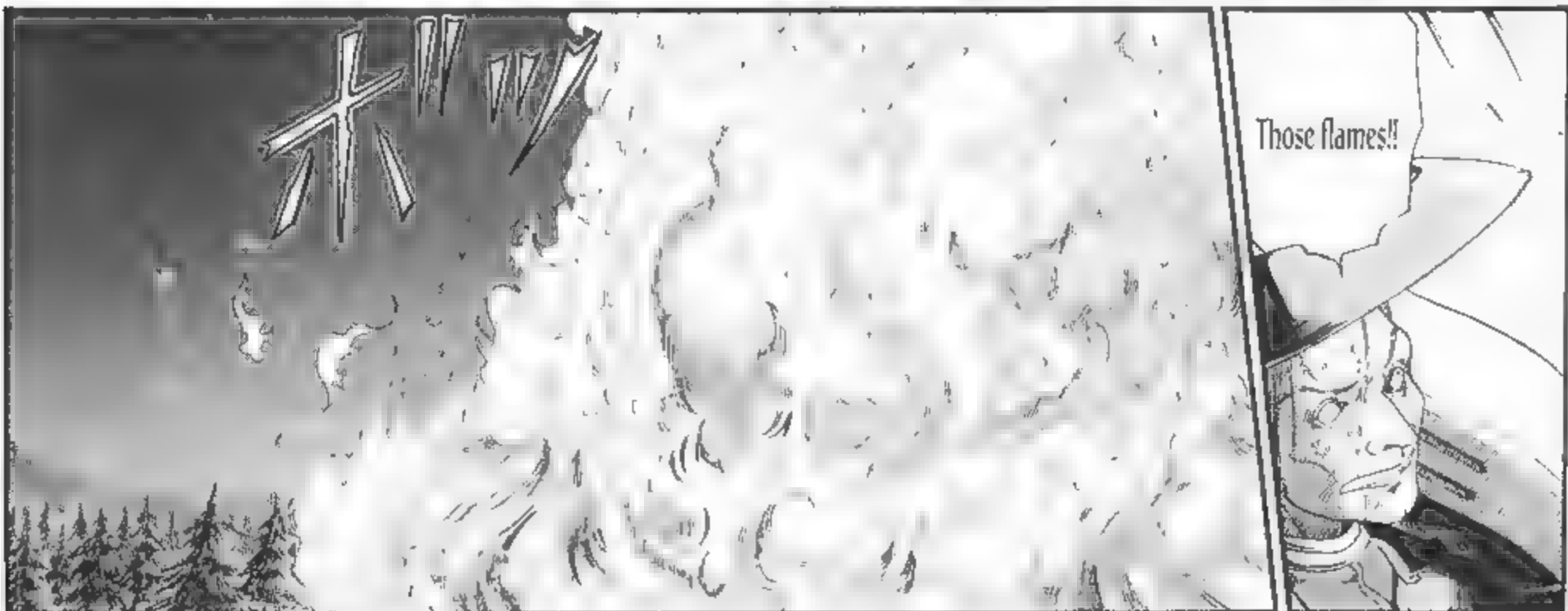
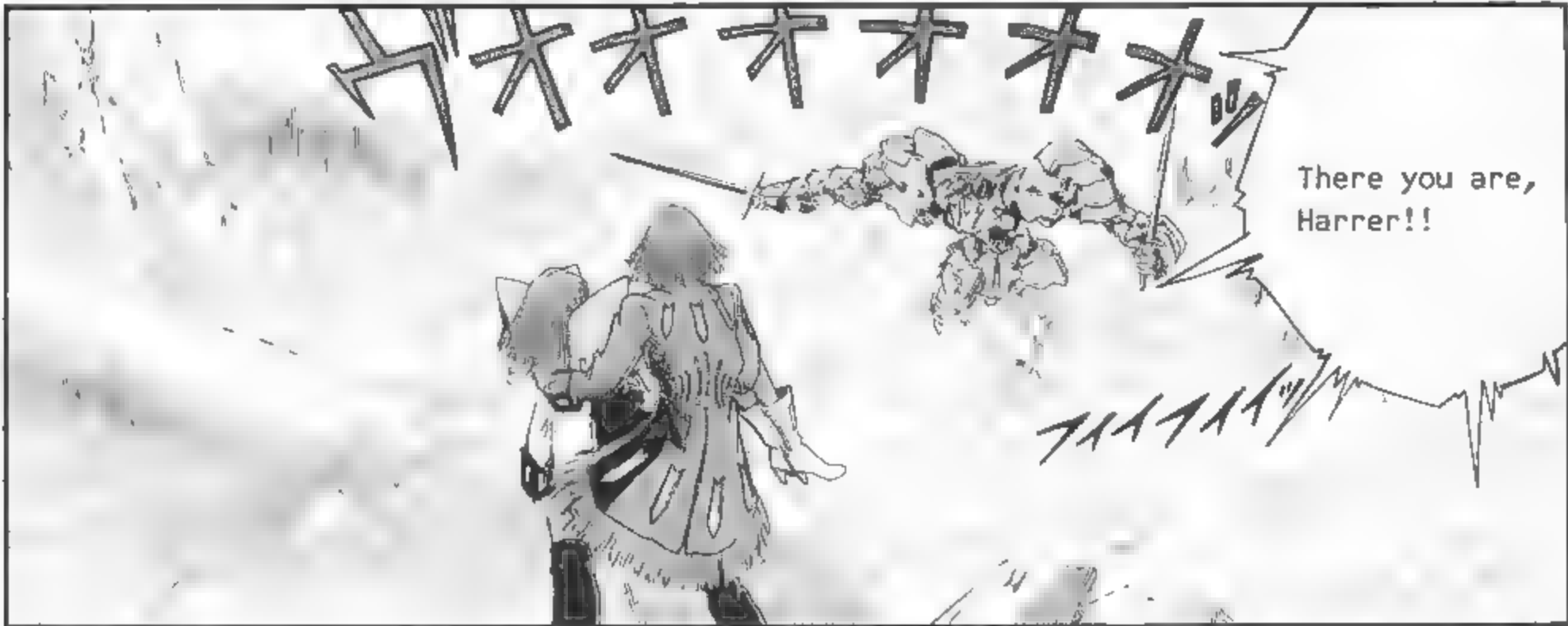
In that way... The
others won't be held
responsible... Just
one head will roll...
instead three..



Ganja!! Herrer
is your kill!
we're depending
on you!!

Shall we joust with
His Excellency
awhile, until Ganja
finishes what we
came here to do.





This is Jabo Beat!! Put down your arms, Scrittis!!

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Engage!!



Holy shit!!



Nothing short... of a turncoat....!!



Just beaten you're own record for over kill... when are you going to learn?

It's because... you've...



My God! I've never seen anything like that before, Concord... I think I smashed something again...

Ganja! Disengage!!



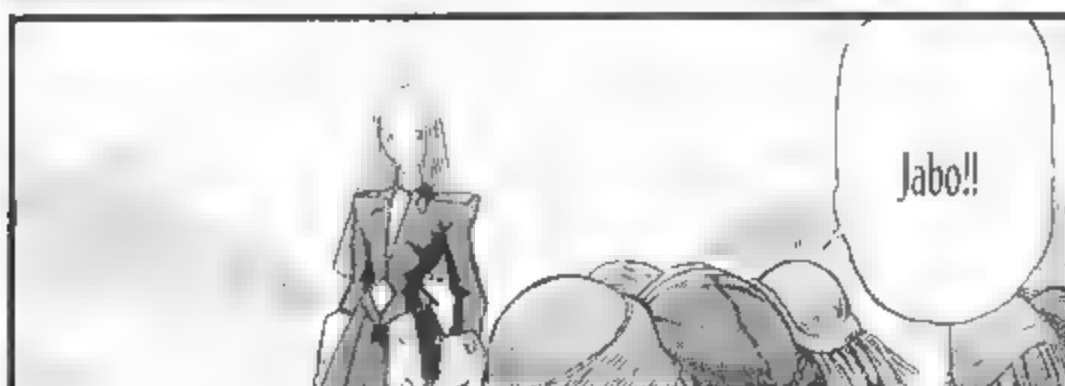
Have you lost
your mind, too?
Pull yourself
together, man!!



Wh... what do you
mean, Commander!!
Disengage!

Take a good look
at the MH in
front of you...
The insignia on
the forehead!!





Is that MH over there,
sealed for over 200 years
now... and common sense
and reason that no one but
one person was able to see...
You were following orders...
Mission completed...

What kept the pride
of Hailuha, the A-
Tolls, from inflicting
harm on one another
for no reason... what
protected Harer...

I see you two
are still in
one piece...

Voards!!

Now come along
with me... You
have the right to
see what this is
all about...

As you
wish!!

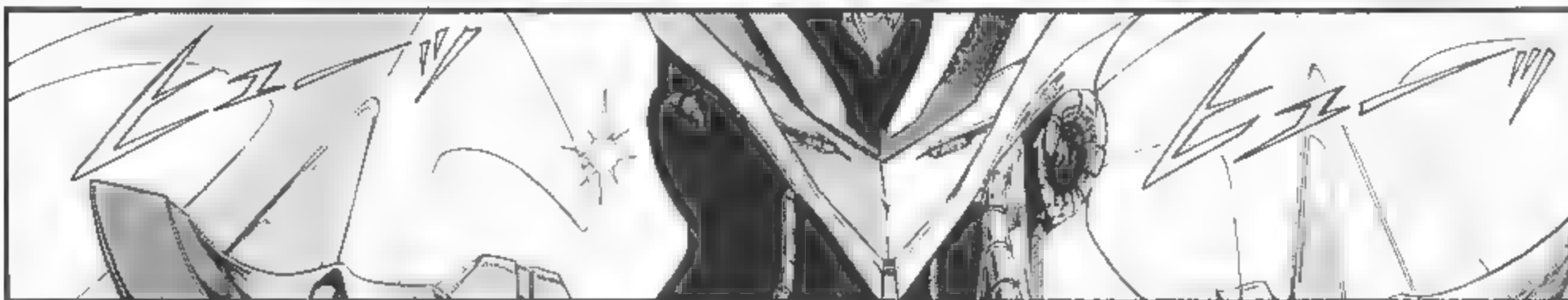
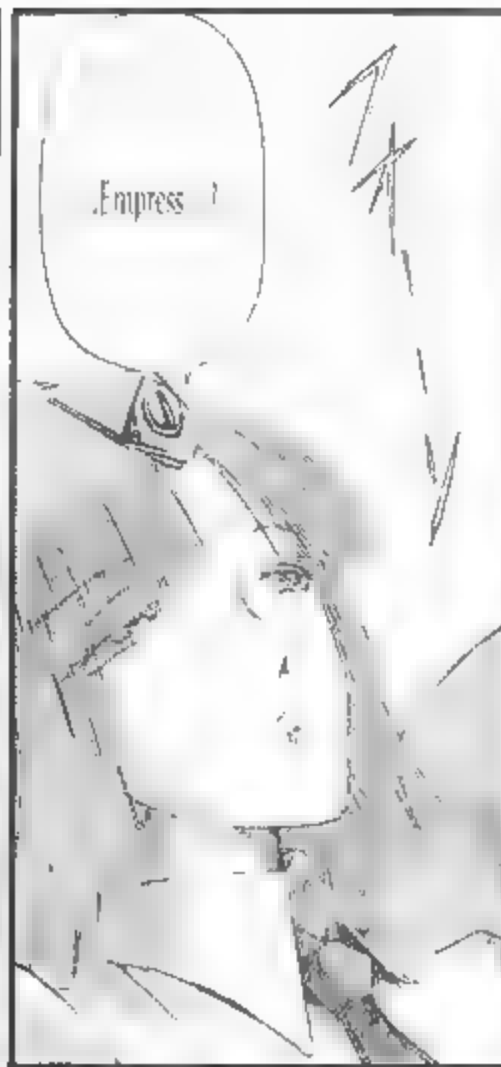
I've never seen such a
beautiful machine...
Wish Sopp coulda
been here... He
woulda got a real
kick out it.

Will you look at that!
Abracadabra! Pullin'
something like that
outta yer hat...

...since Concord's
going to take
over... I guess I can
put an end to the
"Tower Project"...

Her Highness
Mugumica asked
me personally to
create a fatima
for it... but...

The Empress...
Loaded with a Yen-
Xing engine from
one of the Blazing
Empress Machine
Messiahs of the
AD era.





My goodness...
came all that
way... for you...

Bybro. .th .?

..so pleased.

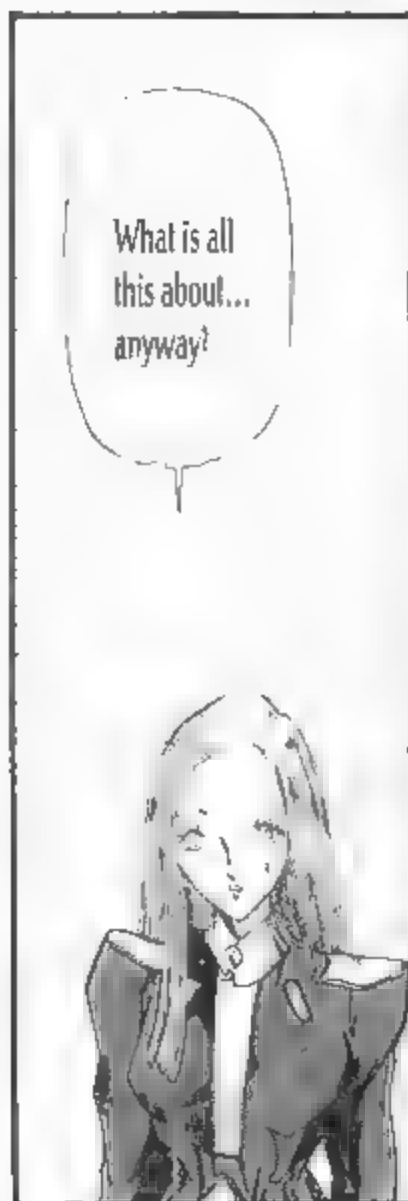
I m .

. m so
happy. .

What is all
this about...
anyway?

Doctor...

Has she regained
her memory?



As you can probably tell... she doesn't possess the performance skills of any of the masterpieces standing here...

Sometimes she was unable to move her body... Sometimes she seemed to be slipping into unconsciousness...

As you can see... My fatima, Harper, over there... isn't feeling well. The symptoms started about half a year ago.

Let me explain...



All during the events on Delta Belun, I couldn't get Doctor Morard out of my mind...

...but she's lived and fought with me now for thirty years, since I first became a headliner... How could I just send her to the glue factory or wherever broken fatimas are taken...

And not being a Morard or Ballanche masterpiece She should probably be scrapped, like any mass produced model showing signs of failing

It is I who owe you a debt of gratitude... for coming to me. Not only for myself...

No, no, Harper

Anyway... I was determined to get some help for her...

On the other hand... Since we had been involved in the top secret project to develop the new A-Toll Dada-grada... I was forbidden from taking her to any meight not connected with the project...

I had the opportunity... and I took it... I guess I was half out of my mind...

I figured. Dr Morard, being one of the Galaxy's three* foremost meights...

*Ballanche had already passed on



Concord...

But I'm afraid I have something to tell you that may be rather upsetting...



My own Build ..

But for Megaella over there...



Every other fatima who has ever seen the light of day...



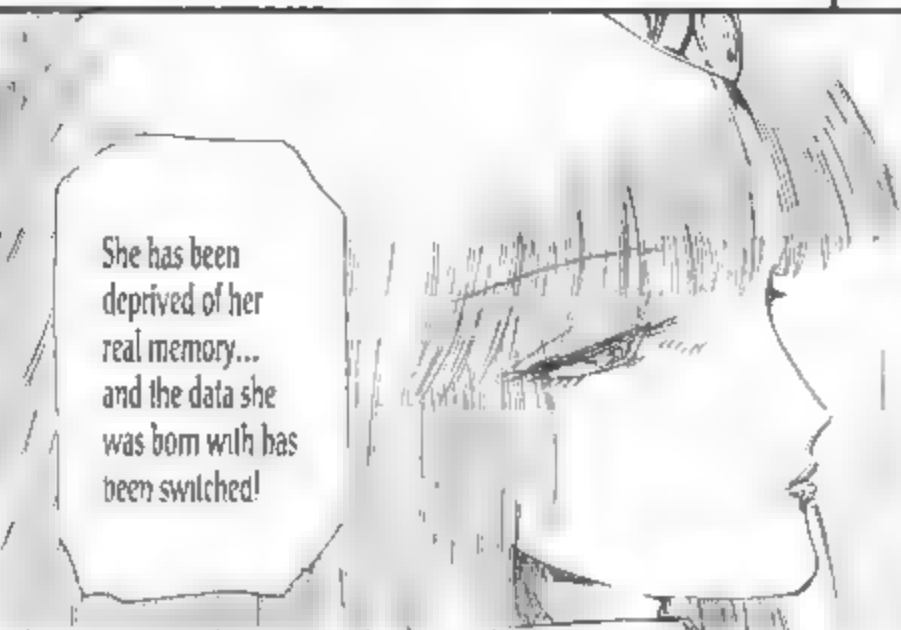
Spalitada... and...



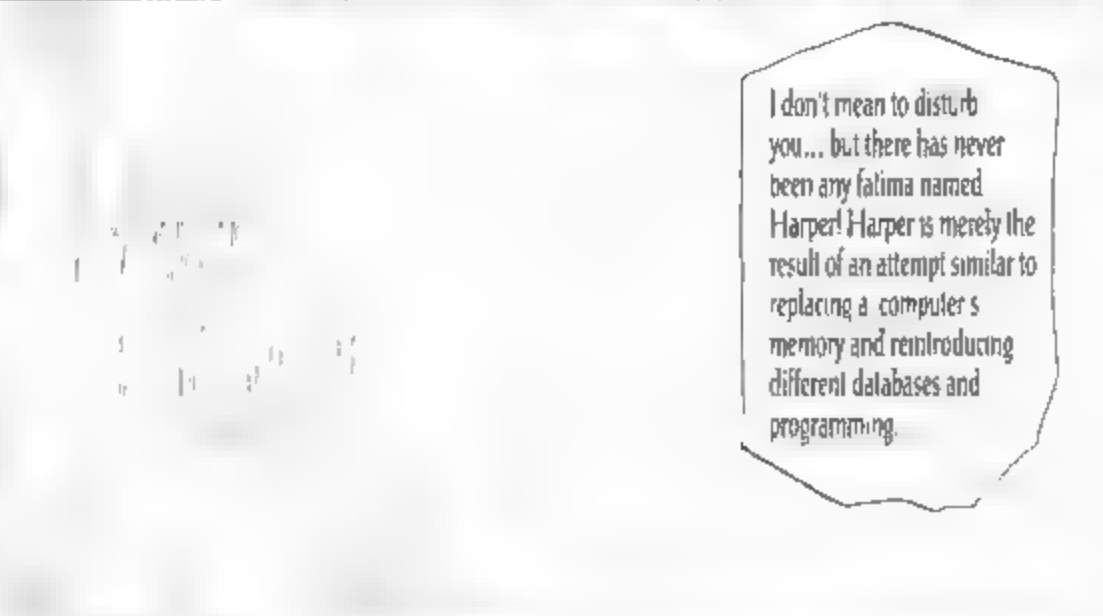
You see... she was encoded with information that not many meirghts are able to decipher...



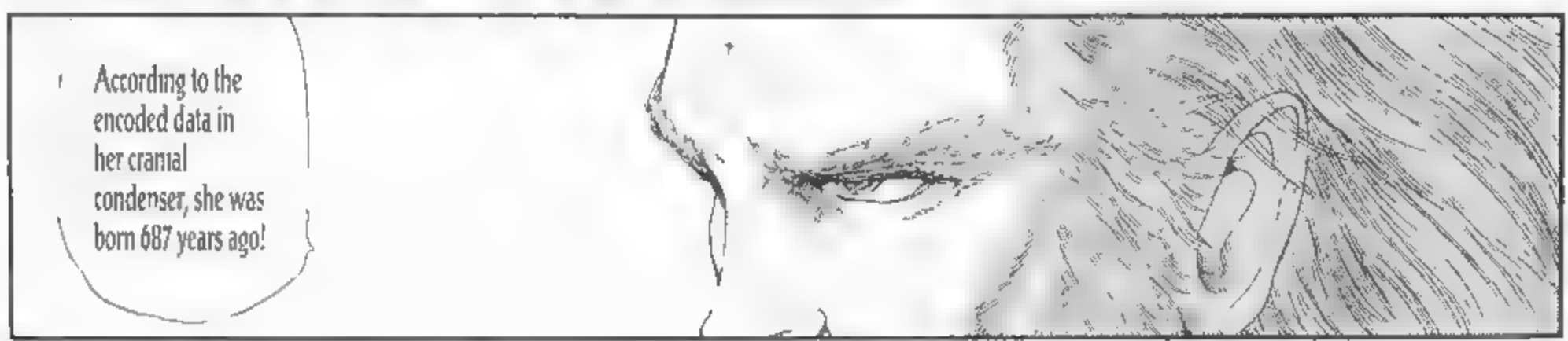
First though... I have to verify something first... about Harper's true origins...



She has been deprived of her real memory... and the data she was born with has been switched!



I don't mean to disturb you... but there has never been any fatima named Harper! Harper is merely the result of an attempt similar to replacing a computer's memory and reintroducing different databases and programming.



According to the encoded data in her cranial condenser, she was born 687 years ago!

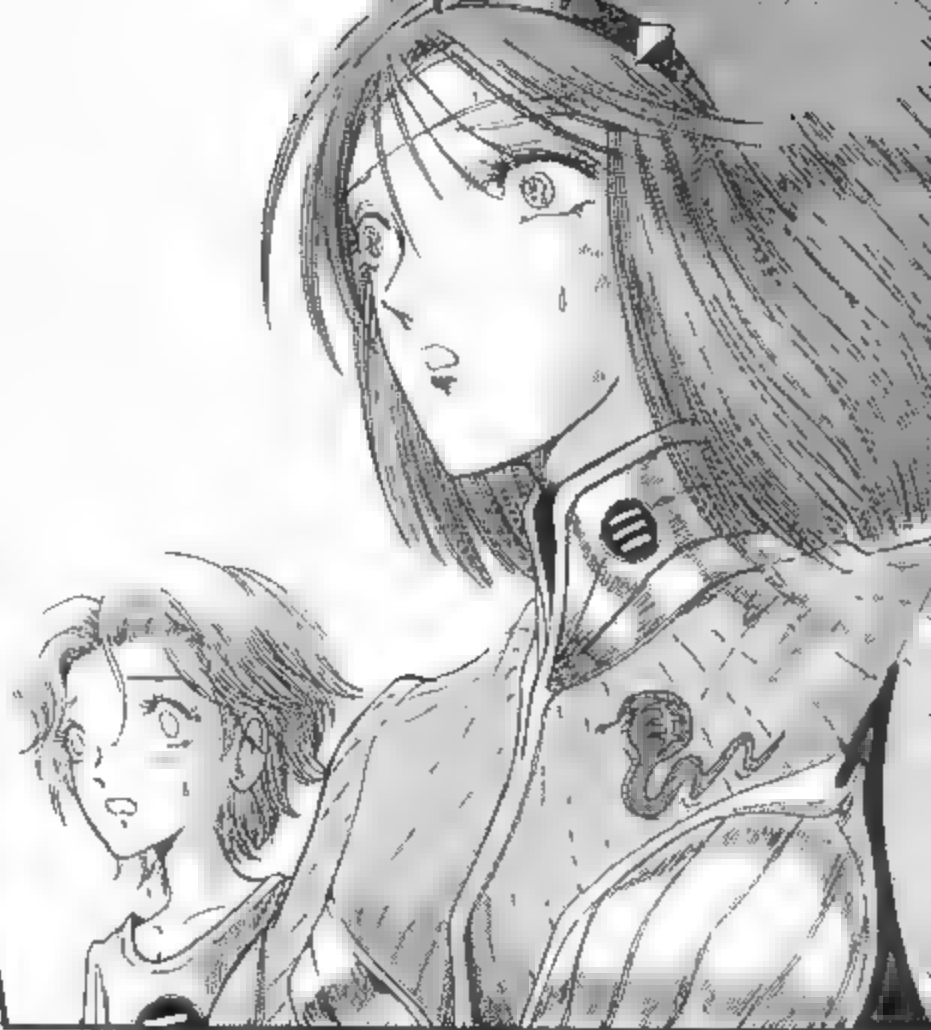
You can't mean...

..No.

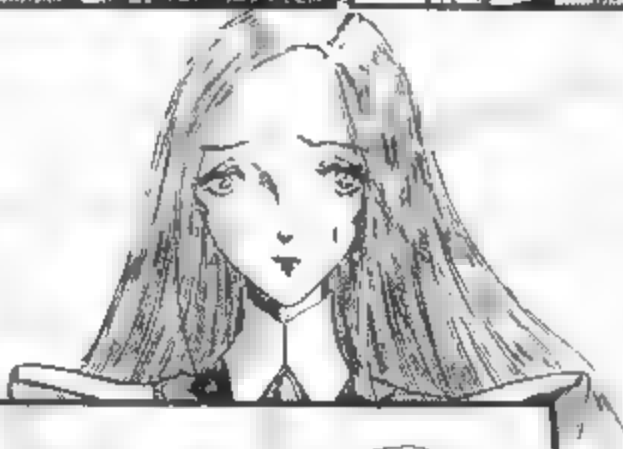
Well... when you subtract 687 from 2997...



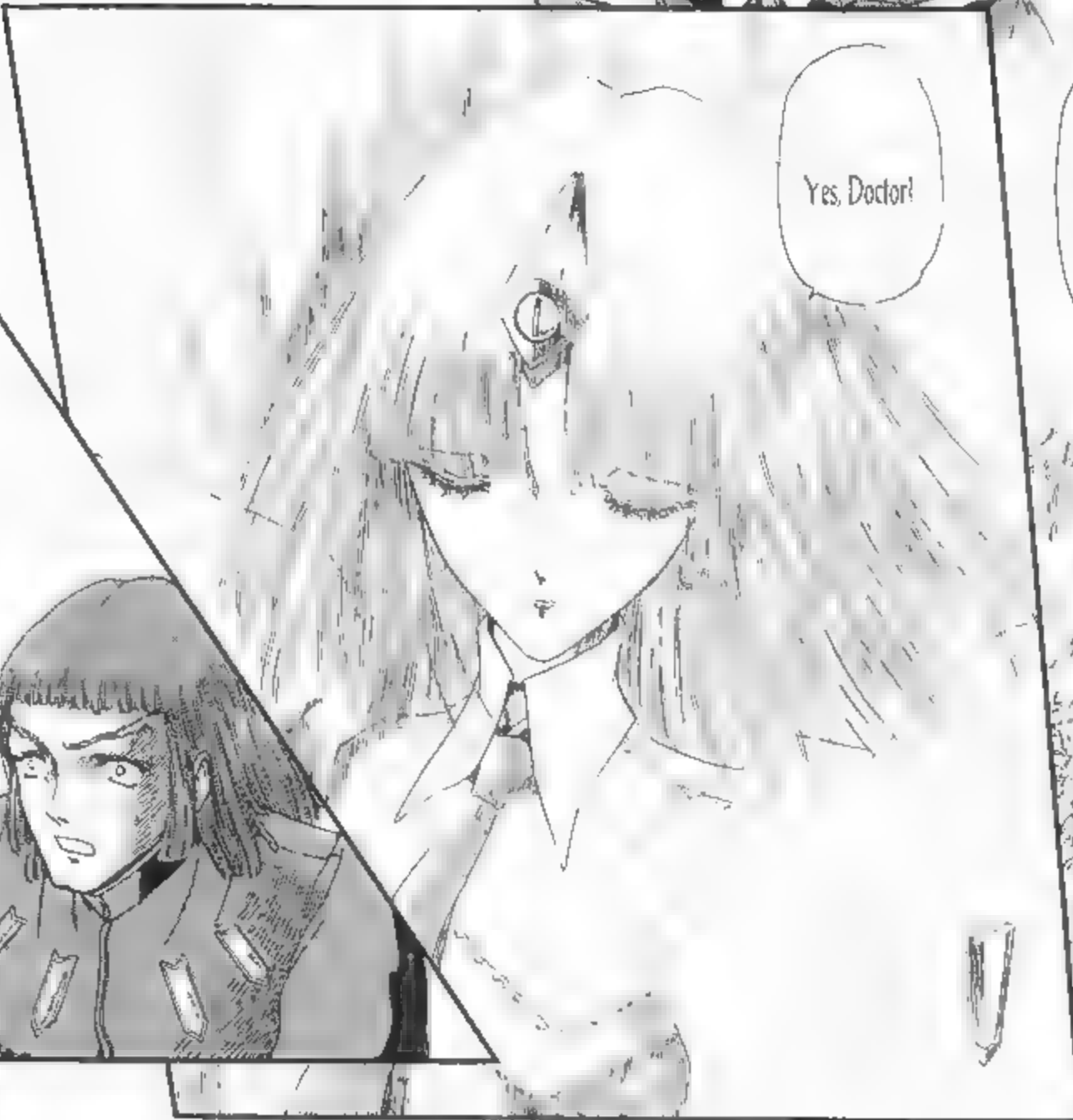
Hey... What's the big deal!



The year that the fatima was first invented in Joker...



You get... J.C. 23...10...



Yes, Doctor!

InterCity...



...to cause... so
much trouble...
for everyone

Forgive... me.
Master... I didn't
mean...

.. The partner of
the sword sage,
Vizantins, the
Empress' headliner,
the protector of
Halhuha...

InterCity...?
The first of the
Galaxy's initial
four fatimas...

Harper!!
I... mean...


I... knew...
about... my
condition...

Never mind...
Master... I am...
your... Harper...

I knew... I wasn't...
in need of repair...

I'm... dying


It's longevity



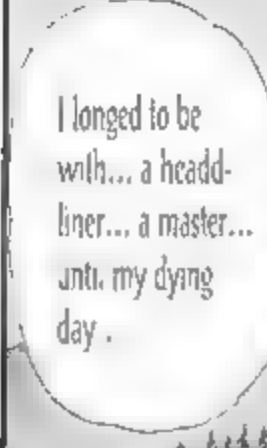
I was the first I didn't want to become... a relic... preserved in some museum...




S.S.L and Neeb... they were kept sealed... by the Ballanches




Those of us... the first to be... born here.



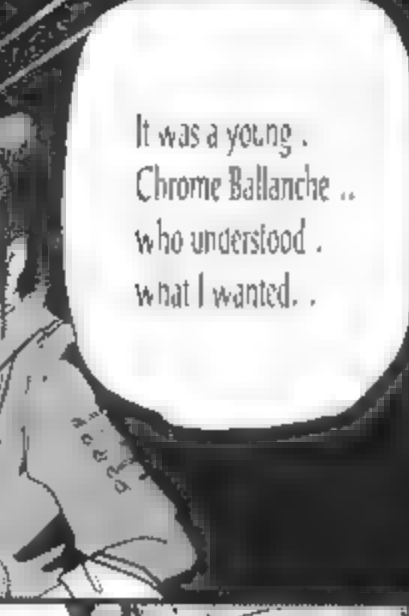
I longed to be with... a headliner... a master... until my dying day.




But... I... wanted to live my life... to its natural result..




and hid my true identity...



It was a young Chrome Ballanche... who understood... what I wanted..




who tried to serve chevaliers equipped with multiple databases..



I chose a life different from Focuslight.



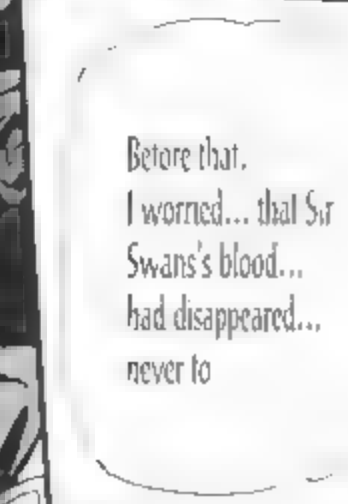
Oh... Inter... City...



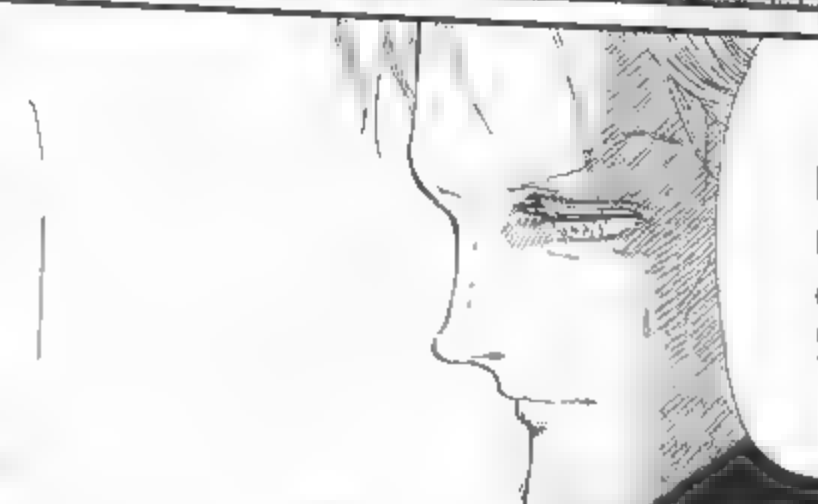
You were right... about that young knight... who rescued you...



Megaella... I was there... that day.. when you fell... into the s.i.o



Before that, I worried... that Sir Swans's blood... had disappeared... never to



Being the reincarnation... of our first master, Sir Swans.



I'm now certain
that... his
legacy will...
live on...



..to the LED
Dragon...
himself.

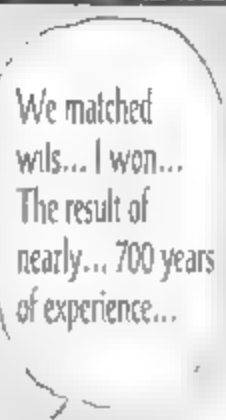


There was
another...
chevalier..

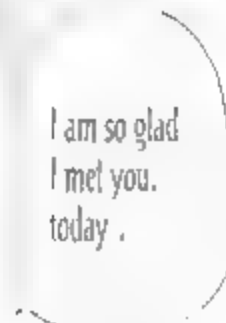
..of the AD
era... one
entrusted by
the Empire...



You helped me...
fulfill my wish...
of serving my
master... until the
day... I die.



We matched
wits... I won...
The result of
nearly... 700 years
of experience...



I am so glad
I met you.
today.



Spalituda...



So that's why
Mugumica sent
you... to pay your
last respects...



My dearest
Harper
Aaaaaaahhh!!

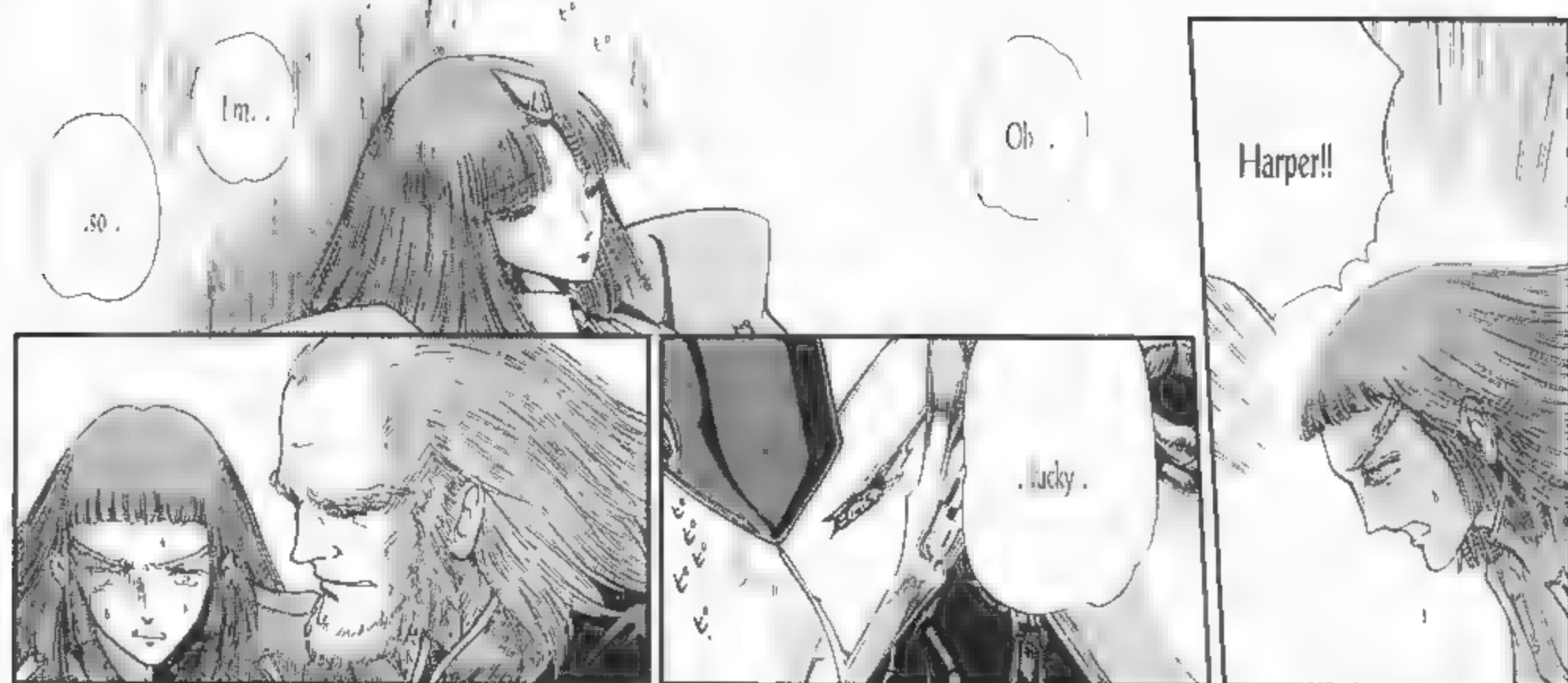
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It can't beeee!
Somebody... dooo
something...

Noooooo!!!



!!



..I chose
to. .

.. live on. .

J.C. 2997...

The year marking the passing of the first fatima every created... Even fatimas, thought to be the most durable of beings, have a beginning and an end, like all of us... Despite the fact of being a prototype, InterCity is for all the new and improved fatimas who have followed her, a constant reminder that they, too, have their limits, and sooner or later the day will come when they will also pass from this world.

By the way, Wandam Harrer returned to Hathuha and was treated with leniency for his actions. Rather than choosing reinstatement, he retired from the A'P Knighthood, and his comrades in the Embriyo Division were freed and allowed to return to their posts in Katze.

To be continued....

The Five Star Stories IX



Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

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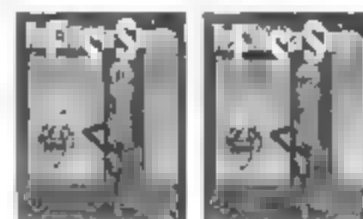
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A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

Five Star Stories Vols. XIII XIV

The Emperor of Delta Belun decides to take a leave of absence to visit Kastenpo on the planet Both. On the bus ride, Sopp hears the well-known folktale of the "Water Dragon," in which a young princess gives up her most treasured possession to save her kingdom from an army of devils. Then the bus is attacked by a secret mission led by Diver Di-Barrow in search of the dying LED Dragon, and Sopp is mortally wounded. Meanwhile, back in Delta Belun at the Floating Temple, its commander-in-chief's departure has thrown the palace into confusion, with headliners and diver's running amok and safety barriers of all kinds breaking apart. However, Lachesis, with a little help from Dougulus Kaen and the Golden

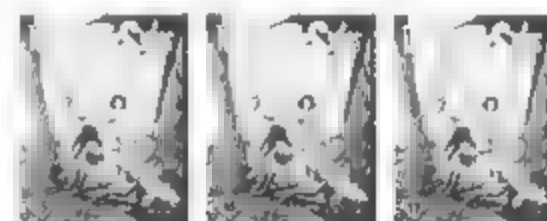
Dragon, proves to aid her ability to rule in Amalerasu's absence. Lachesis concludes the cause of the uproar to be some physical disruption at Amalerasu's end. So she sends the only available headliner, Joker knight par excellence Schaft at the helm of the virgin Jagd Mirage with even nuttier Pattenon in the fatima cockpit, to Kastenpo for to check it out.



Five Star Stories Vols. XV-XVII

We open with Sopp trying to figure out a name for the dragon nymph that revitalized everything but his Amalerasu super powers. And they're spotted by Di-Barrow's troops. While Sopp is recuperating in Atropos' hideout, he dreams of his first years of infancy and how he recovered from the comatose state he was born into. Meanwhile, Barrow's search and destroy mission is joined by the Pied Piper mercenaries, as Allen Bradford is dispatched to scout the whereabouts of the three targets. Bradford wins the battle with Atropos brilliantly despite a dysfunctional Kyo and the awesome power of the Auge. Atropos decides to abandon the hideout, taking Sopp and Suezhou to safety in a nearby marsh, as Lonni approaches with the Schpeltor, courtesy of Kaen, and a full corps of AKD infantry regulars. Aisha Codante is also on the move in the effort to rescue Sopp. Lonni's

AKD rescue mission arrives to the surprise of the Barrow camp, which hasn't a clue that it was Sopp (Amalerasu) whom Bradford shot to death and who now is miraculously with the nymph and some mysterious "headliner." A limited ground war ensues under an AKD decision not to deploy its mortar headd until they can locate Sopp. The unsuspecting Barrow camp is again perplexed by the tactics, but answers the challenge in kind. What follows is fun and games in the AKD trenches.



Five Star Stories Vols. XVIII-XX

The ground war between the forces of Di-Barrow in search of the dragon nymph's "Water of Life" and the AKD in search of Ladios Sopp, continues with neither side knowing exactly why the other is in Kastenpo. The AKD decides to deploy its mortar headds to cut Barrow off from the marsh and wait for Aisha to pinpoint Sopp's exact location. In the midst of the escalation into a mortar headd confrontation between Barrow and AKD forces in Kastenpo, Allen Bradford is relieved of duty by Di-Barrow after his fatima Kyo, loses her mind and wrecks his mortar headd. Sopp finds the dysfunctional Kyo, and ends up knighting him, just in time to have him rescue the three fugitives from the clutches of a completely Bosjathforti-possessed version of Barrow. Sopp, Suezhou and Atropos are saved by Bradford, but the "Water of Life" falls into Barrow's hands only to have the opposite effect,

destroying him. Now that Sopp is safe, an all-out MH war ensues, escalating into a buster launcher quick-draw contest. Schaft and Pattenon win the day for the AKD, but Schaft succumbs to Bosjathforti's sorcery. Sopp returns to Delta Belun with a Dragon Drop for Lachesis. We then flip a couple of millennia into the future to the abandonment and demolition of the Floating Temple, as Atropos once again laments her and her sisters' fate, then she and Suezhou head off into the horizon.



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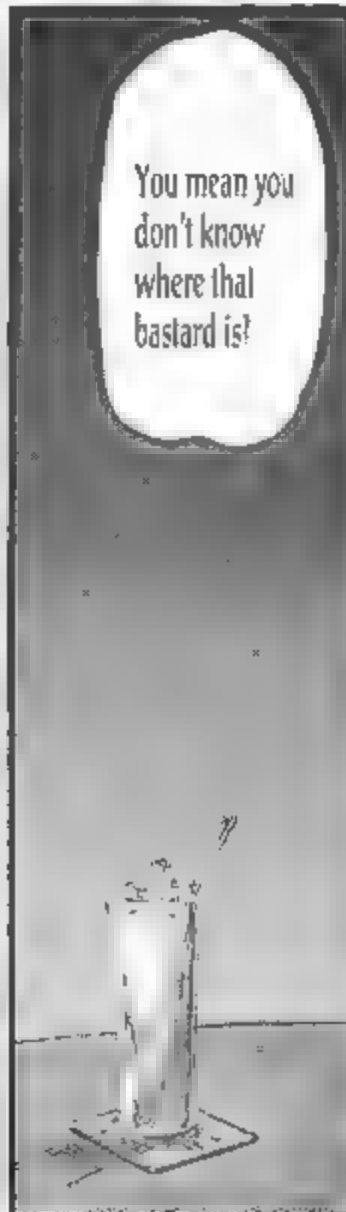
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Episode 5 finds Jabo Beat in Vachi City, Kastenpo on the planet Both only to meet her death completely by accident. Dougulus Kaïen, the Galaxy's most wanted criminal, its reigning chevalier, and the father of Jabo's two children, appears at the Halhuha palace to meet his kids for the first time and pledge allegiance to Princess Mugumica in the tradition of Sword Sage Skins during the A.D. age. We continue with the Five Star's fifth set of stories about chevaliers, the purest and craziest most feared headliners in the Joker Galaxy, past and present. Episode 6 in the series is the saga of Christine V., daughter of one of Kallamity's elite Kneue Sylliss knights, who winds up killing a classmate for insulting her and her headliner heritage. What to do about such conduct unbecoming a knight, a definite theme throughout all the episodes here, divides the authorities into two factions: one in favor of immediate execution of the young girl, the other giving Christine the choice over what should be her fate. The latter, headed by retired emperor Lader, wins out, and Christine decides to join the ranks of the chevaliers.

Episode 5

Both 2997: Two Legacies



Landwand Spacorn, Bijotorn
Corlala, Urazen Sie, State Ballo
Kaiedia, Poesche Nomien,
"Spark ... and of course Allen
Braford and Qukey...

Haven't heard
from her lately?
Sure are a lot of
her cohorts
around, though...

And it's gonna get
even more volatile
around with the
appearance of
Mejojo's Prince
Krakenbeal...

The Kneue Sylliss
are also in town...
Musketeer Brauma
Ik, Ian Konig,
Blreno Canzian...

Not just the
Mirages,
either.

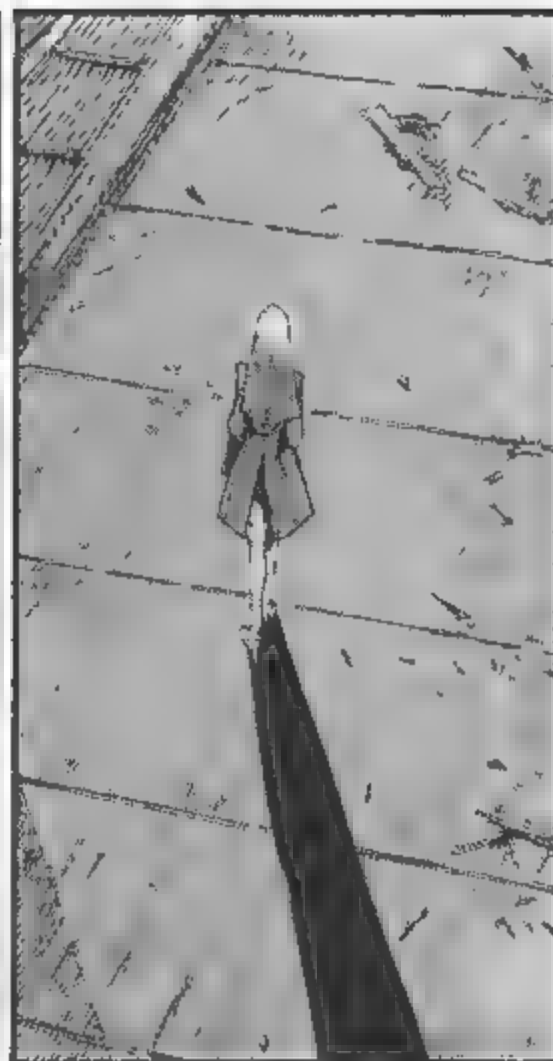
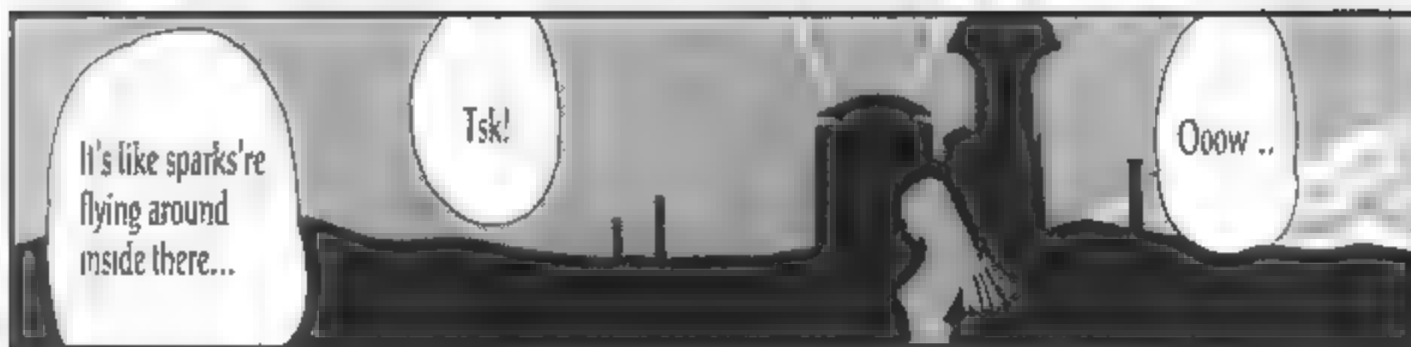
Not to mention Olkaon
Harris, Addler's leading
swordsmen, and Aio
Rane of the Jastarcuck
Principality...

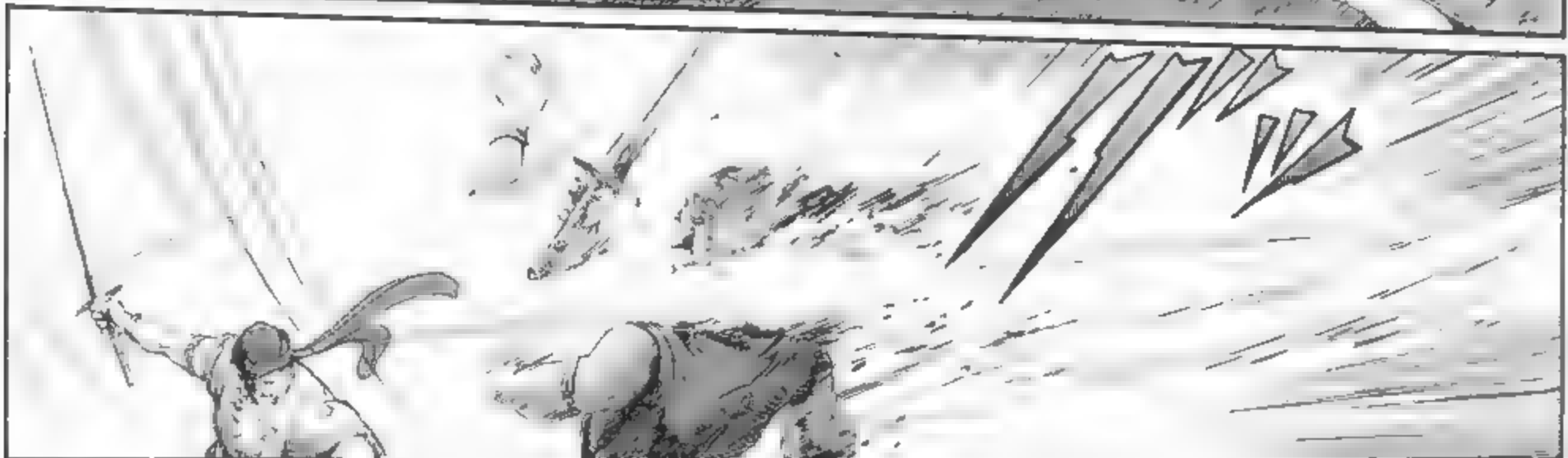
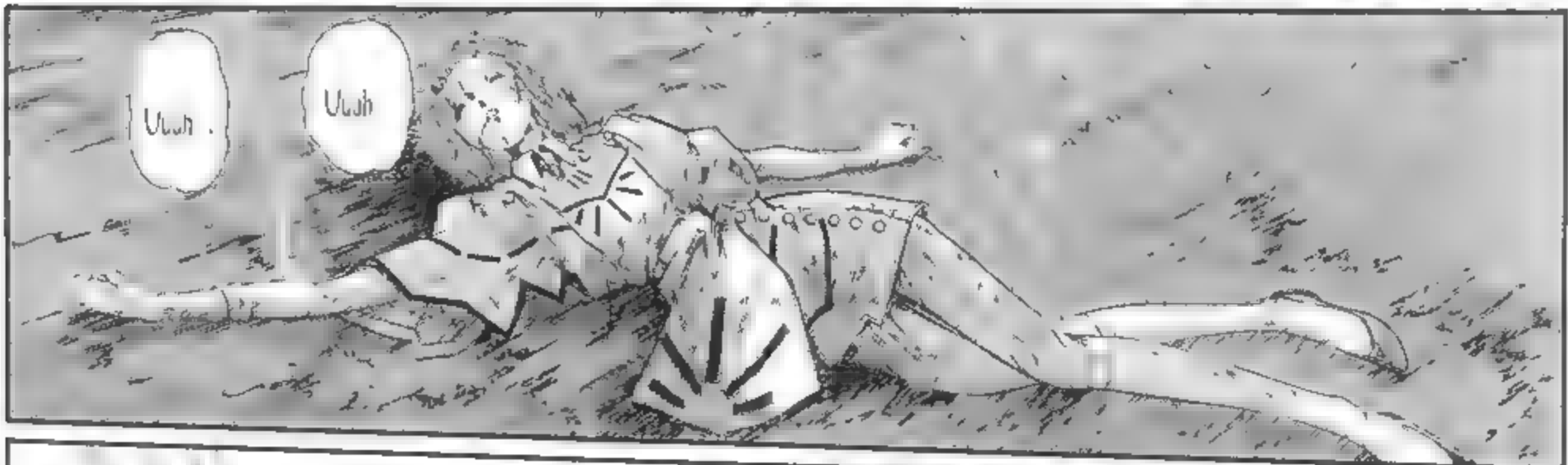
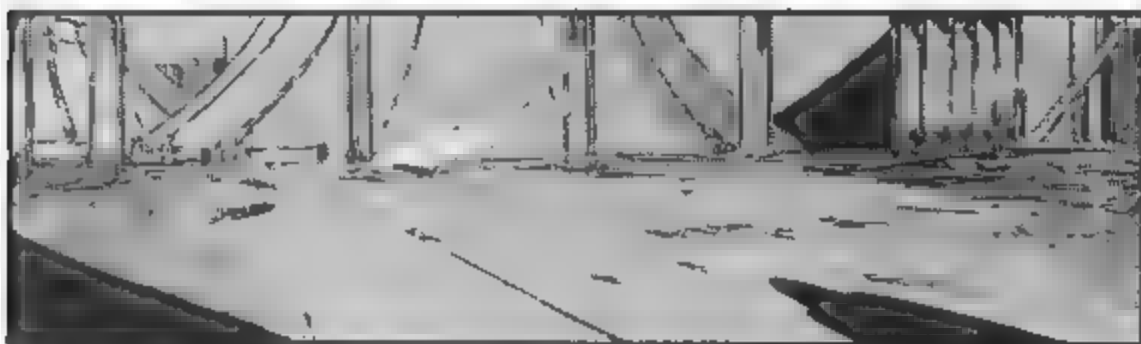
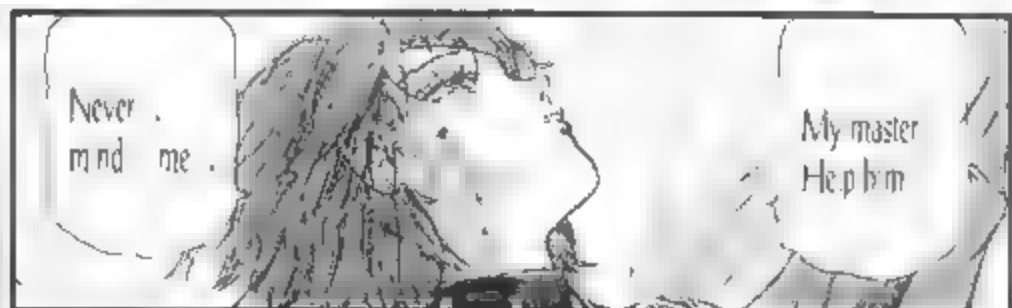
Bospathforl...

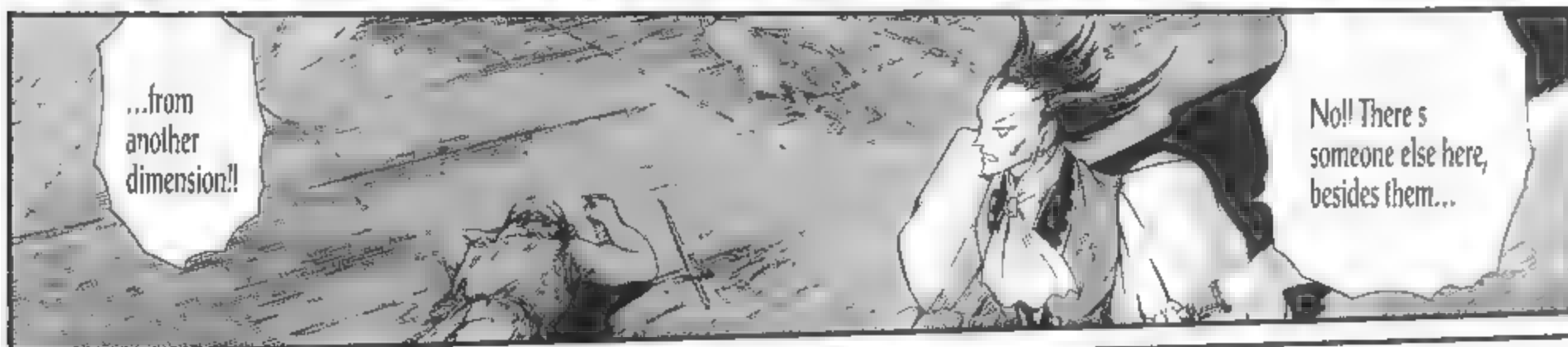
Even Amalerasu
himself couldn't
get rid of that jinx!

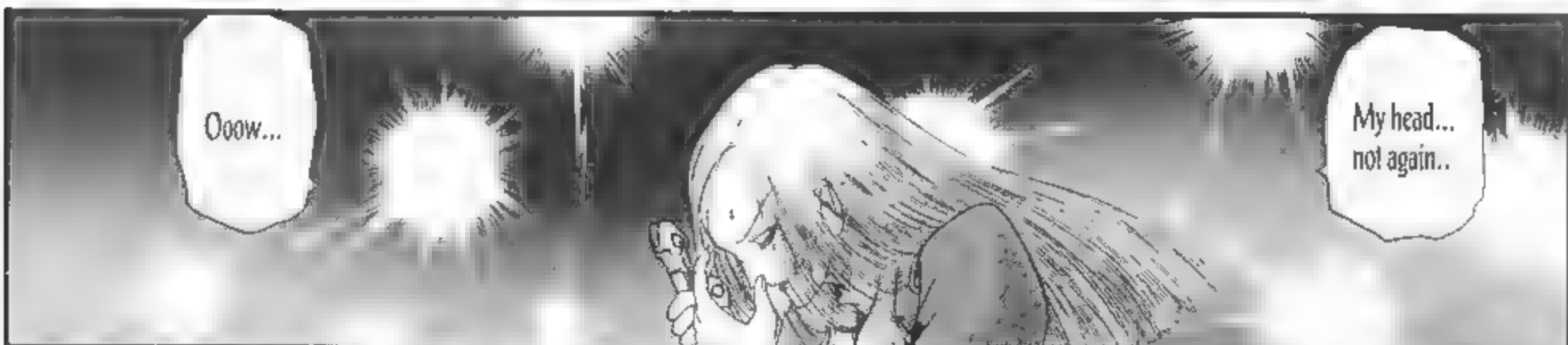
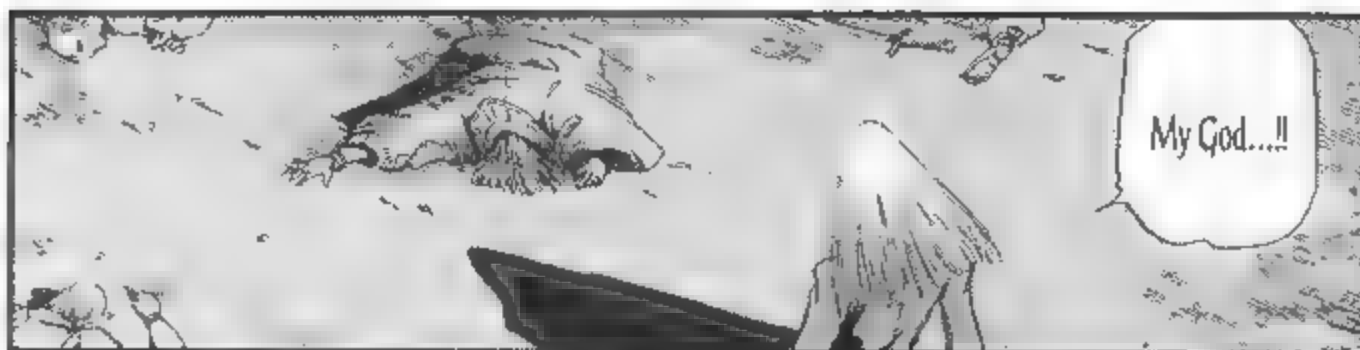
It was when that
name starting
circulating around
here that everything
started goin' to hell
in a basket

Jesus, Jabo!
Not you, too!!
That sombitch!









Mommy!! Get
away from there!!


...Magdall?
...Is that you?

Huh?

Who...?

Who was that who
broke through my
barrier... Transmitting
her thoughts...!

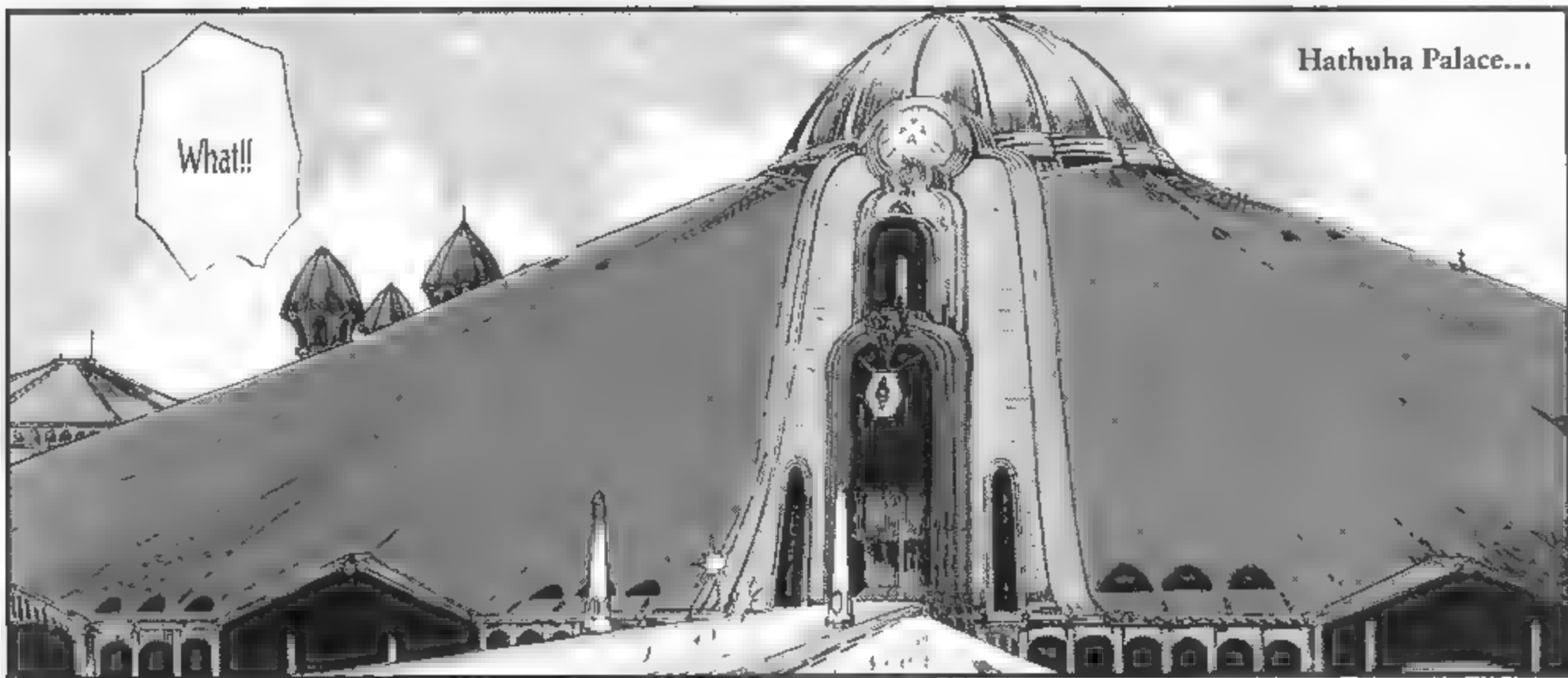
Who was that?
..Just now?



I couldn't
get here
in time...

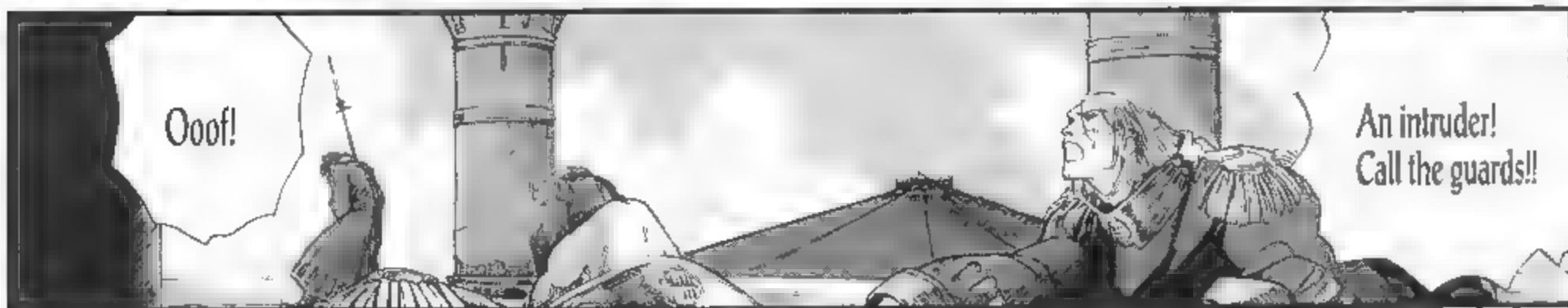
I'm sorry...

I was too
late...



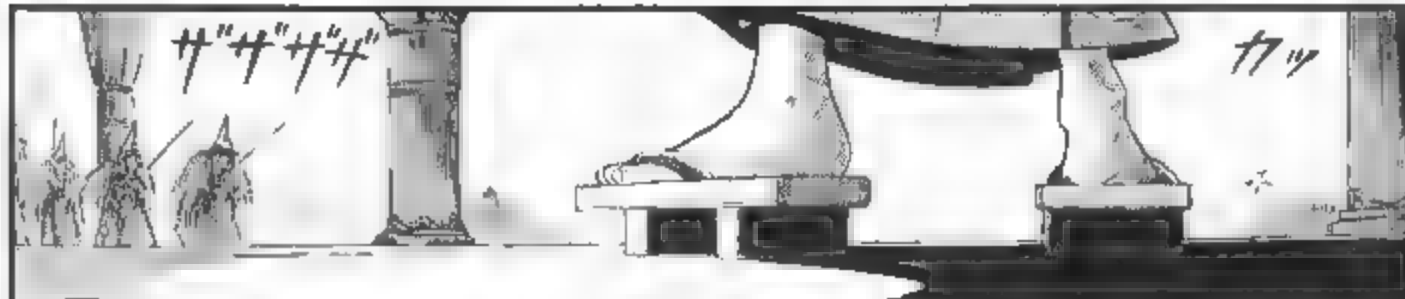
Hathuha Palace...

What!!



Ooof!

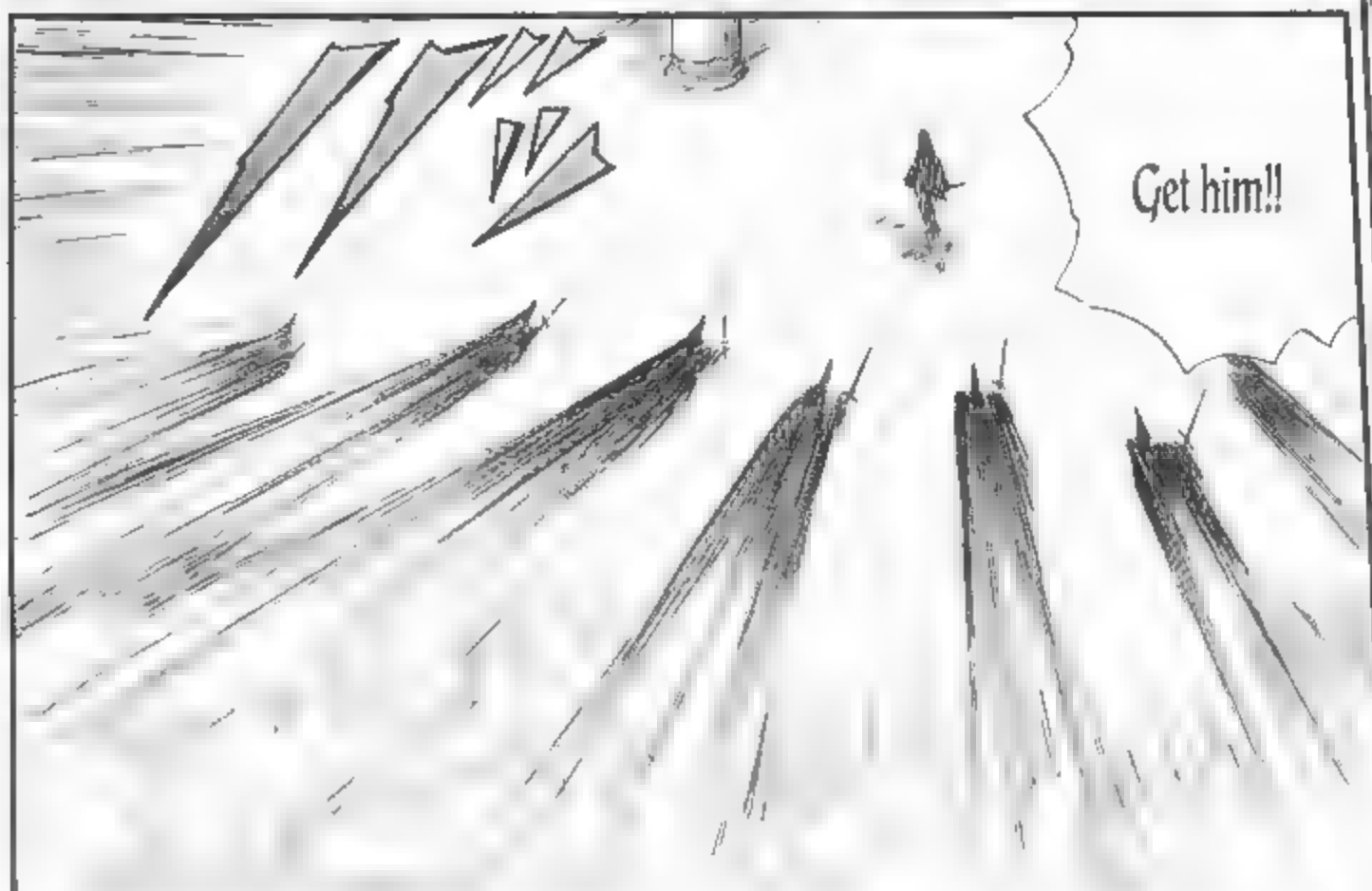
An intruder!
Call the guards!!



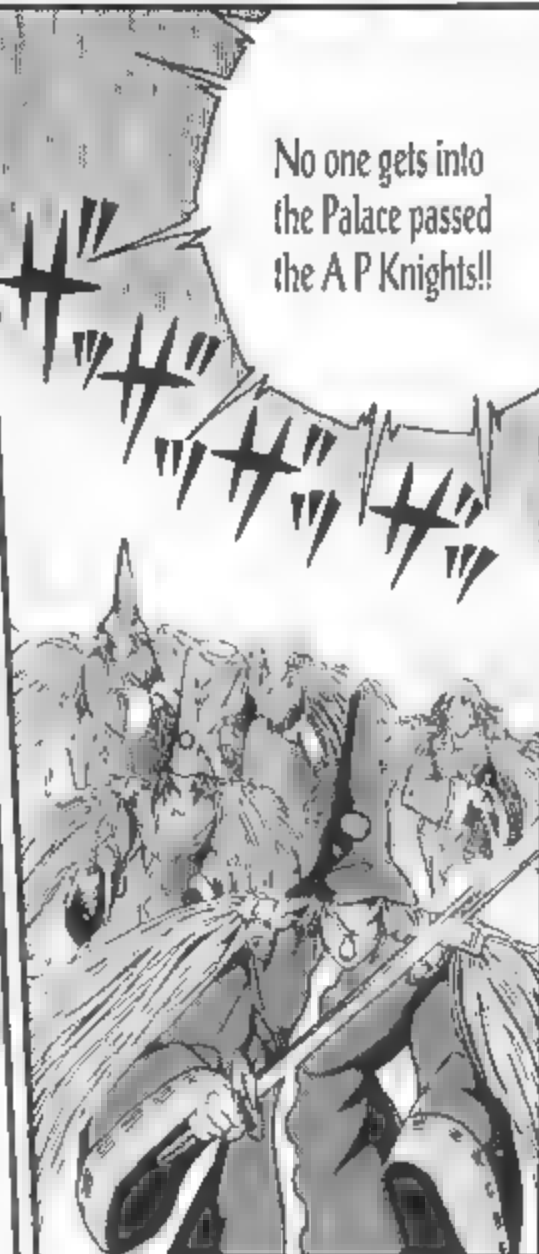
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No one gets into
the Palace passed
the A P Knights!!



Get him!!





What's going on here!!



Ooof!!



Swans Company... Forward!!

Wha-wha-what the hell!! The whole Skins Company... Single-handed...



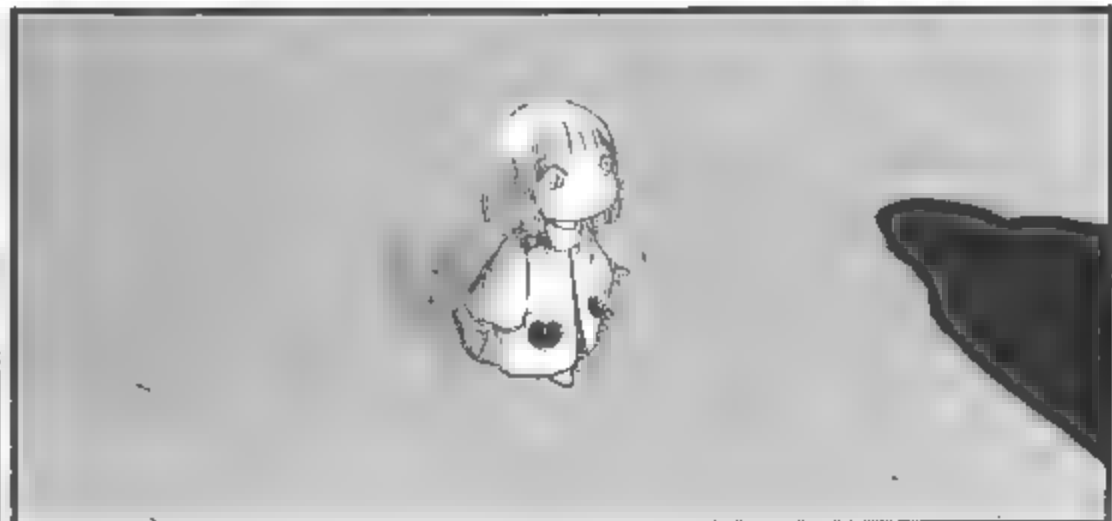
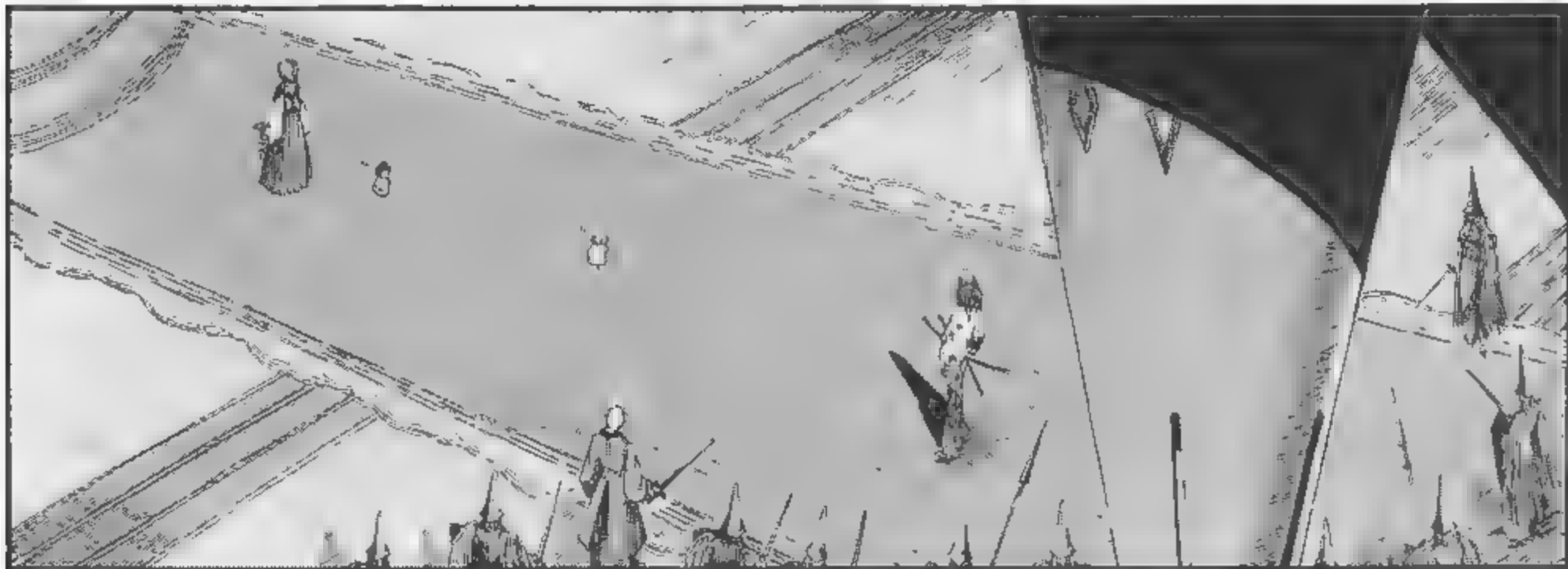
I... I can I... move...

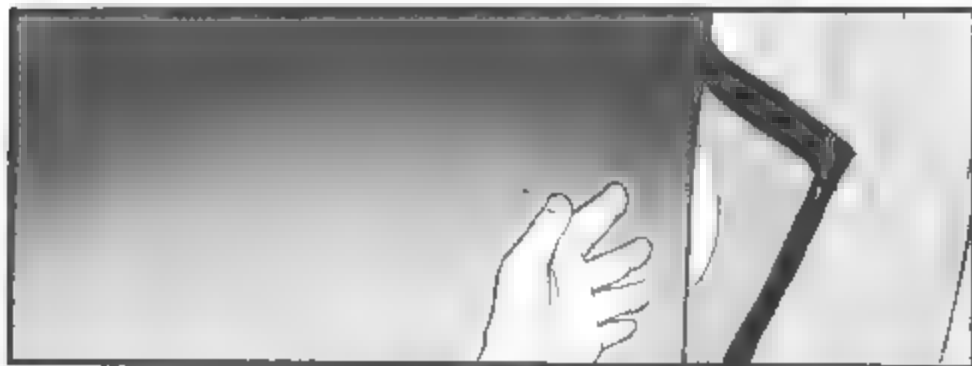
Lord G... Gira...



All A'Ps armed and ready!! The intruder goes no further!!

Who are you!! What are you doing barging in here? No one's allowed into the Atoll Inner Palace!!







So that's
Kaïen...

!!



Sword Sage
Dougulus Kaïen...
Welcome...



Sssh!

Yeah... Jabo's
old man...
Those kids'...



I was
negligent..

Magdall sensed
that she was in
danger all along...
just



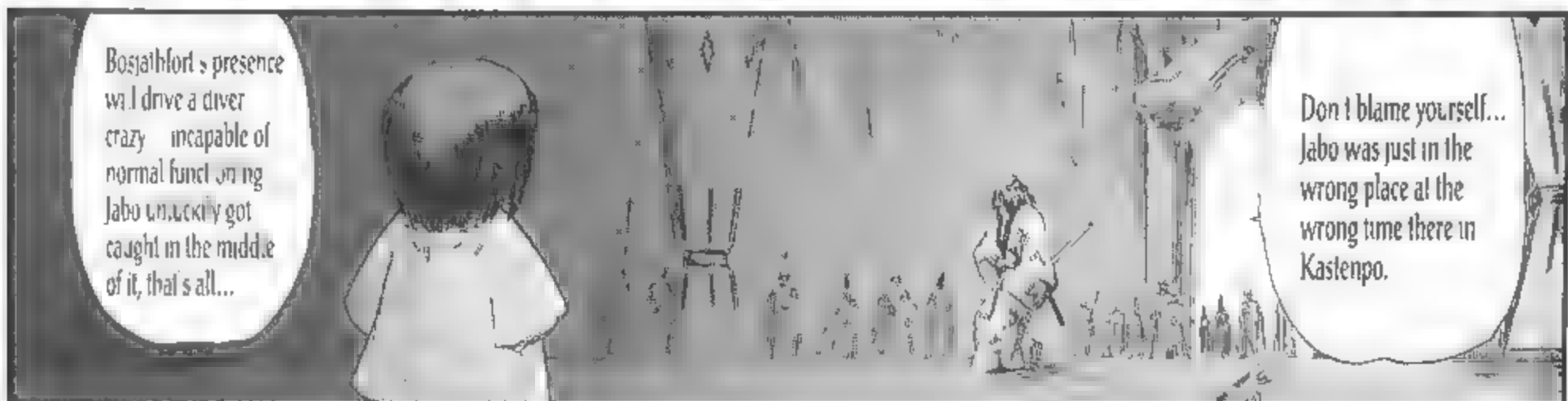
I'm the one
to blame...
Letting
Jabo go...

No, Sir
Dougulus..
It's no fault
of yours..



She was
there looking
for me..

I'm the one
who should
apologize...
For what
happened...



Bosjahfort's presence
will drive a clever
crazy incapable of
normal functioning
Jabo unfortunately got
caught in the middle
of it, that's all...

Don't blame yourself...
Jabo was just in the
wrong place at the
wrong time there in
Kastenpo.



The head of the Divers Para-Guild, Mel Rince, says you all must stay on your guard at all times..



Well, well...



What's wrong?

So you're Depre, huh?



Impressive...
At your age...

Keeping just out of
range of my dagger!



Rrrr...

Smiff..

...standing there
between us... so
I can't get at the
Princess...

You re...

Oh...
I get it...



Oh my...



In place of
your mom...

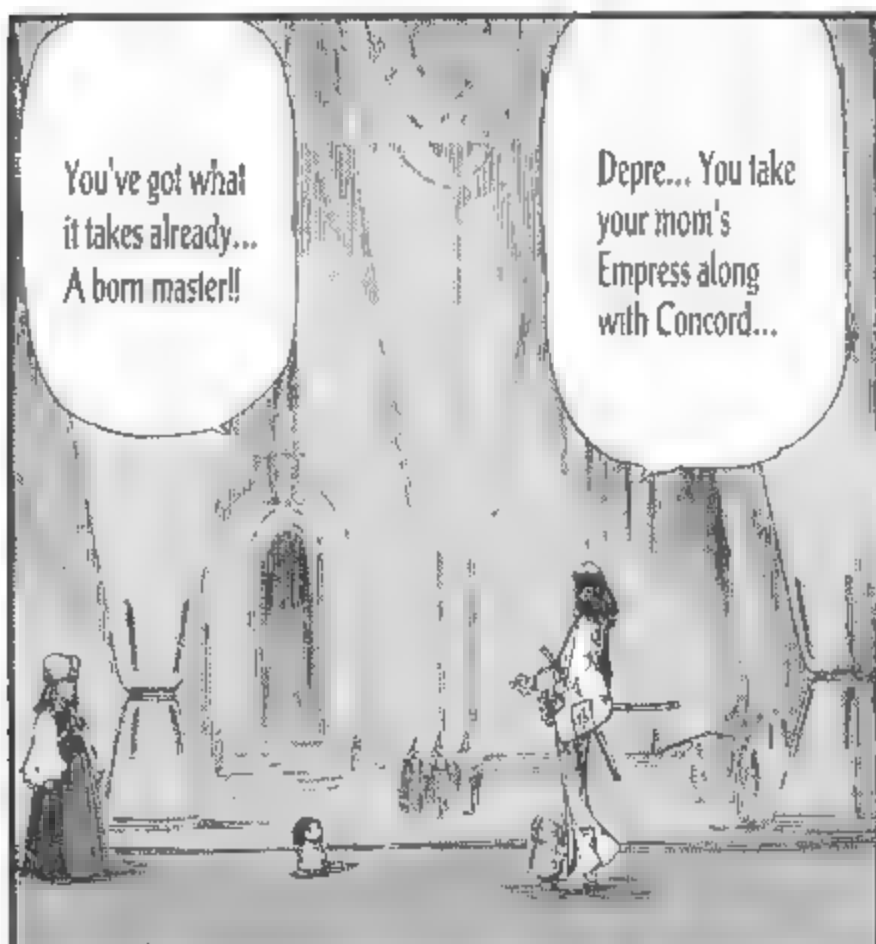
The princess'
bodyguard...
is that it?





Can you ever
forgive me!...

I'm sorry,
Depre... I wish
I could have
done the same
for your mom...



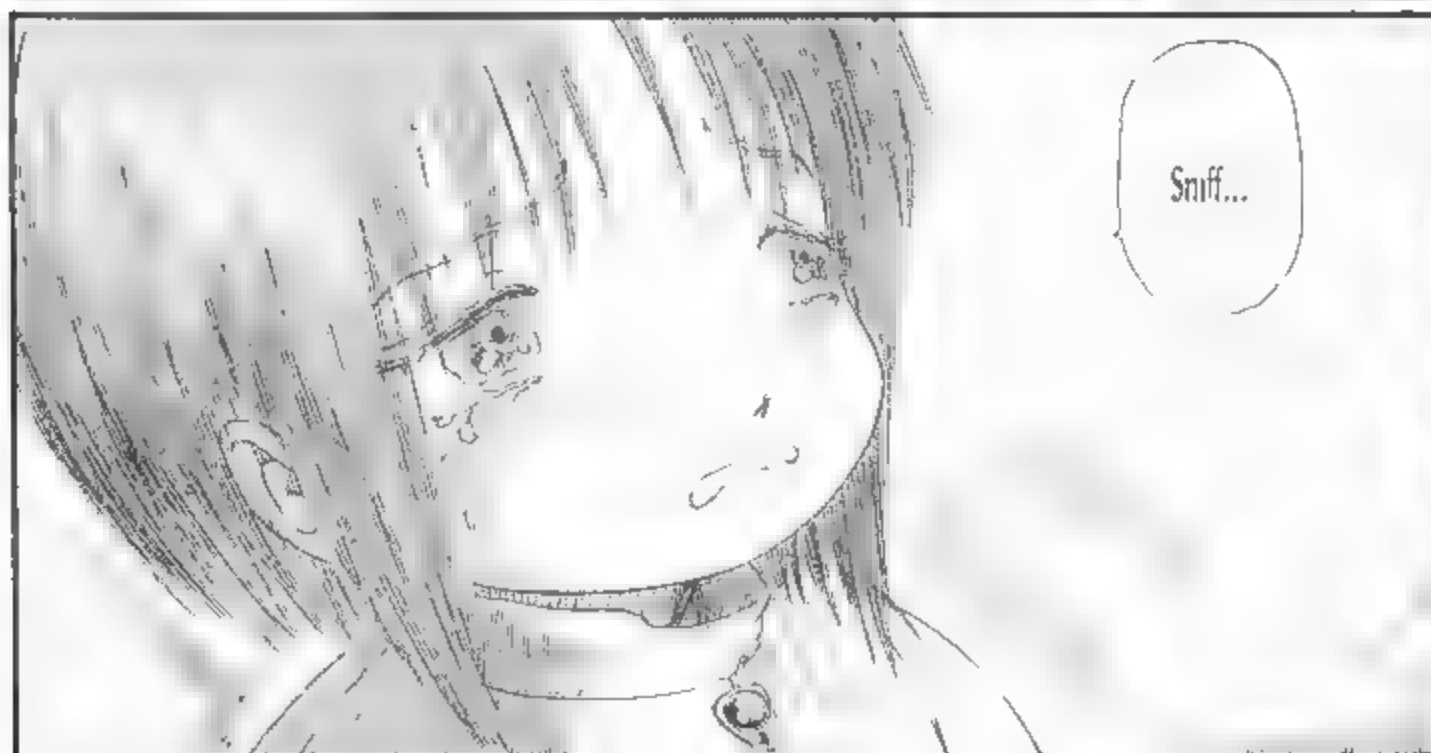
You've got what
it takes already...
A born master!!

Depre... You take
your mom's
Empress along
with Concord...



Whaddya
say...

If you want... I'm
wiling to pledge
my sword to you...



Sniff...





The light... the
light of Atoli will
protect us until the
Feather Dragon
comes of age. .



I will seek help from the
Thunder and Black Dragons.
but it is the Halbuha people
who must come to terms with
the filth stirred up by the A.D.
Empire.

In addition to the name,
Needle Chevalier,
which has been handed
down from the era of
Farus Die Kannam.



I hereby bestow
upon you the title
of Sword Sage in
the name of our
own Borusa...

Yes... We
need your
help, oh
Sage .



You have finally
returned... home..

You have finally returned... home...
Magdall... Here is your first lesson in
what we, the Atoli empresses, have
remembered from time immemorial..



It was over ten thousand years ago
The colonization of the planet Both had
just begun with the migration of mam-
moths and the first reclamation projects



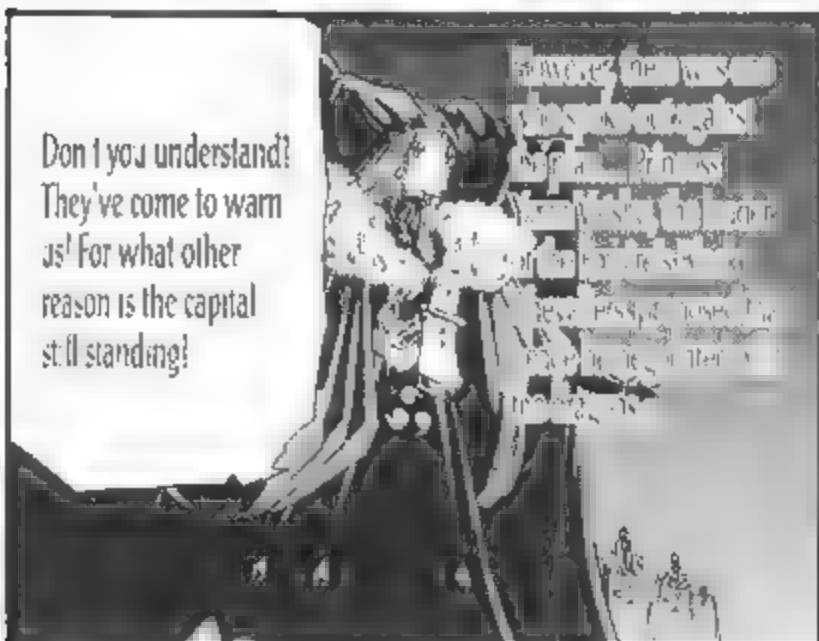
These human colonies upset the
planet's ecological balance
forcing indigenous species either
to adapt or to extinction.



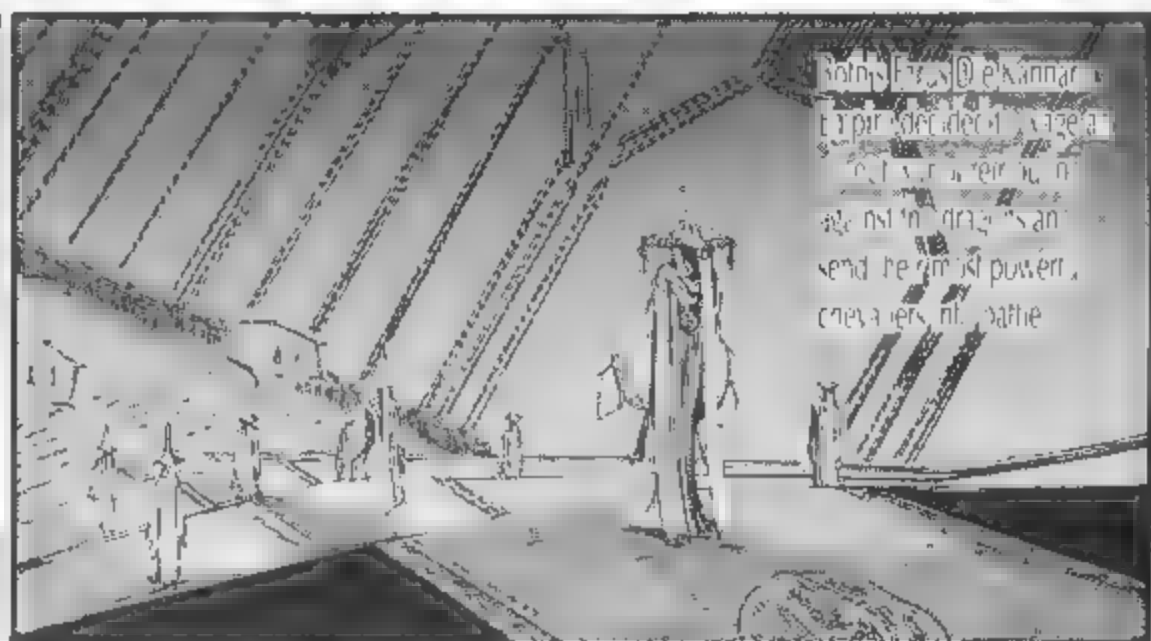
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Don't you understand?
They've come to warn
us! For what other
reason is the capital
still standing!



Both the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new
the old and the new



Our minds, bodies,
even our children,
have been controlled
by them from birth.
What Your Highness is
suggesting is treason!

How can we, chevaliers
of the Empire, defy our
masters? We are merely
puppets dancing to the
will of the Empire.

Using the most carefully
selected DNA... all the
great chevaliers... Swans,
Kormals, Neptune,
Prominence... were raised
like the children of the
imperial family.

We've been raised
like thoroughbred
race horses...

I've been convinced
of that for a long
time, now... I'm
not about to change
by mind now...

The only treason that
is being perpetrated by
fighting the dragons is
the Empire's treachery
towards this planet.

When life lodges in the
womb... One starts to
feel like a human being
again... and starts
thinking about what is
really important...

Pregnancy is a
human condition
that has been lost
now for thousands
of years.

I am about to
give birth... The
instant of life is
about to occur.

I am carrying
your child.

Pledge your
allegiance to
me... as my
chevalier...

Skins...
Please...

Being the only one in the Empire to
see things... She sought to
persuade others, beginning with her
lover, sword Sage Skins of the
Empire's Yexing Palace Guards.

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The princess entreaties were ignored... And when an artillery of buster launchers was just about to fire a volley at the dragons.

Oh Dragons, have mercy on us! I'm not the only one who has realized that a war arising out of fear is worthless!!

Princess Yarnn stood before them in one last effort to put a stop to the insanity...

!?
Lord Skins!! What are you doing!! Are you out of your... What the....!!

I'm standing with Princess Yarnn!! Lower your weapons and fall back!!



The A.D. imperial powers that he soon turned their attention to exploring the planet of Bastar in the I-Sant migration solar system. The infant growing in Princess Yarn's womb was permitted to live and she decided to entrust the embryo to the JED Dragon. There's nothing in our memory about how the exploration of Bastar was carried out.

The embryo was programmed with fatima data and functions, born, and upon reaching adulthood, seemed to age no further.



Who took into his custody Princess Yarn's embryo of a pure-blooded chevalier... and proceeded to implant one of his fatimas with it. Since implantation into a human would probably have destroyed the mother.

Even in the fatima's body, the A.D. Empire's overtechnology backloaded through the embryo. Perpetual regeneration, various sets of DNA, highly developed antibodies... the information received from them and the child's transcendental brain capacity produced a life form defying the imagination.

8000 years then transpired. It was 350 years ago when the embryo was first visited by a stranger.



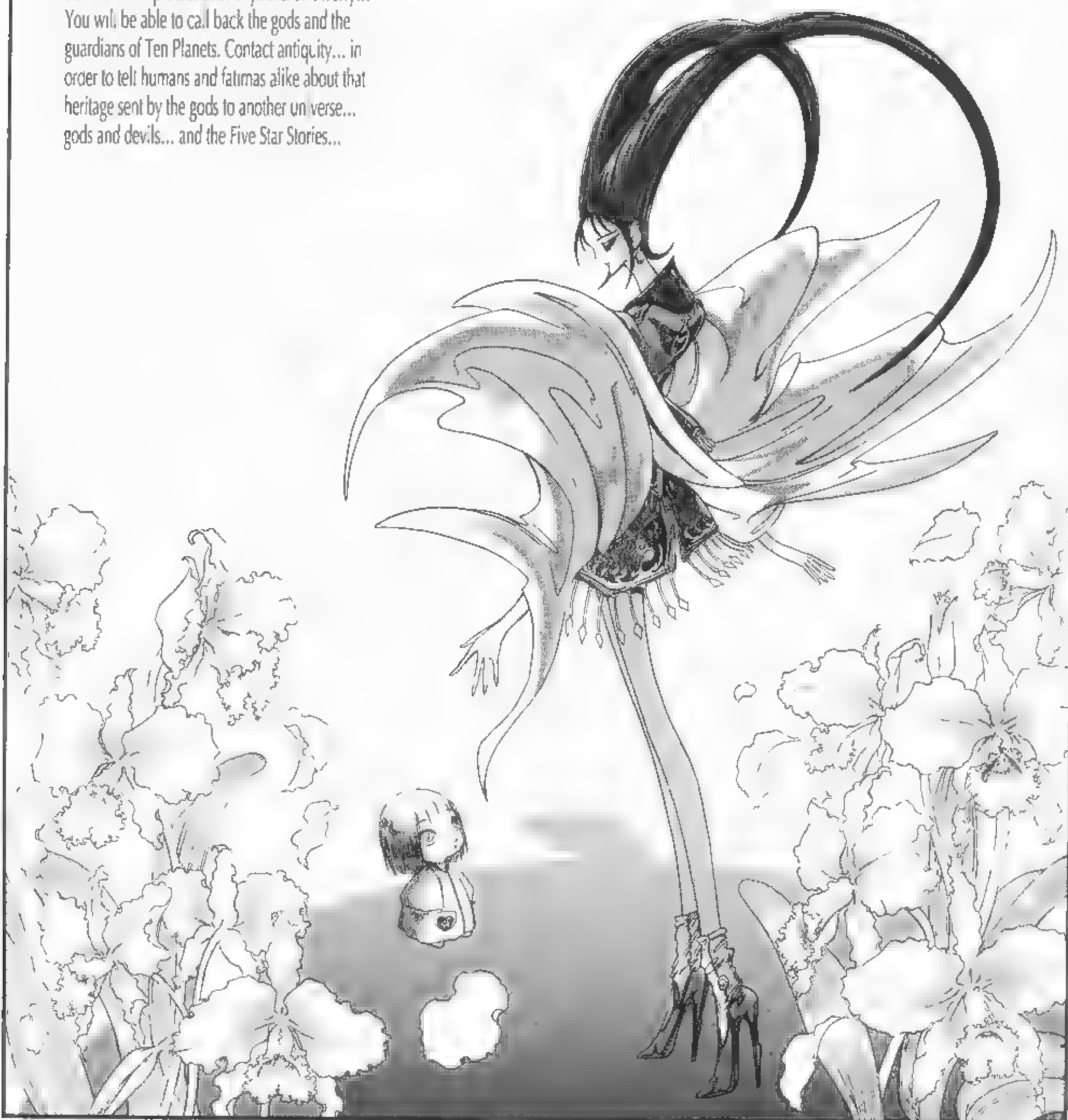
The actions of the scientists would be the body of a fatima to be used in a cold, calculated manner such a merciless manner to guarantee the fatimas and pure-blooded chevaliers. He realized the important dreams of the human race. His works to the JED Dragon were. No matter what kind of world he was living, we humans are nevertheless the information we have gathered behind us. However, this is the...



One of these beings. Focus on the Galaxy's fatima. The memory and data contained in even the fragment of a single cell is the equivalent of the complete reproduction process that dragons are capable of.

Magdall... the blood of the fatimas and chevaliers
who lived 10,000 years ago flows in your and your
brother's veins... That blood is beautiful and
tragic... corrupt... No matter what..

Whatever you seek... Just call on me... the Majestic
Stand... I will protect both of you. Don't worry...
You will be able to call back the gods and the
guardians of Ten Planets. Contact antiquity... in
order to tell humans and fatimas alike about that
heritage sent by the gods to another universe...
gods and devils... and the Five Star Stories...



J.C. 2997... The year that the Hathuha Allied Republics appointed Sword Sage Dougulus Kaien to command its A'P Knighthood... The following year, Kaien would bestow the title of Heir Apparent on his son, Depre Beat, and assume the title of Needle Chevalier, thus ending his wanderlust career as the Galaxy's most wanted criminal.



Episode 6

Kallamity Godarce J.C. 2998

The Blue Peacock Stone

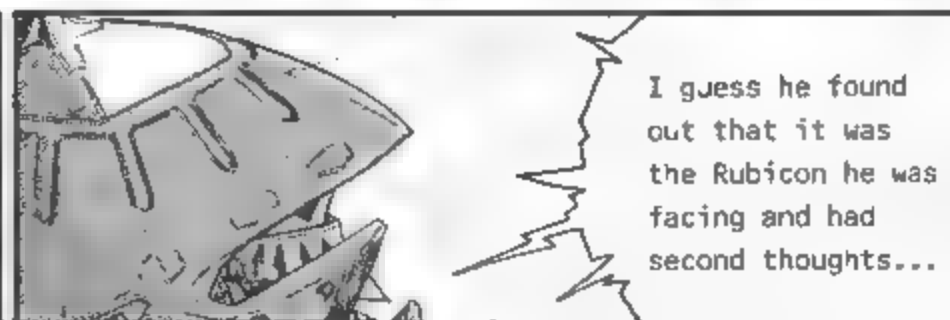


Impertinent Little
shit! Snubbing a
joust! He's finished
in the headdliner
business.

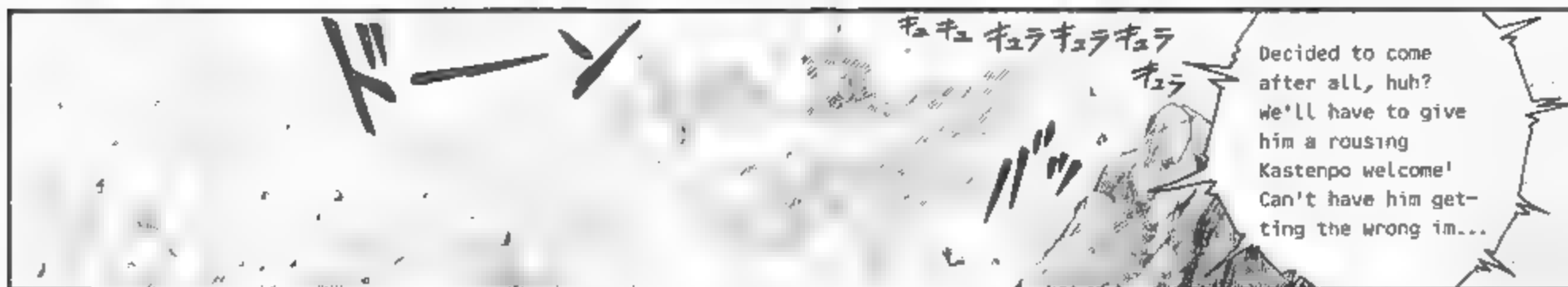
He's late!!
I guess that
whipper-snapper
chickened
out...



Master!! I'm detect.ng
MH noise just east of
here! I'm check.ng the
source!



I guess he found
out that it was
the Rubicon he was
facing and had
second thoughts...



Decided to come
after all, huh?
We'll have to give
him a rousing
Kastenpo welcome!
Can't have him get-
ting the wrong im...



A Fillmore Empire Siren!
An A-Model by the
sound of it...

What the hell
is that?

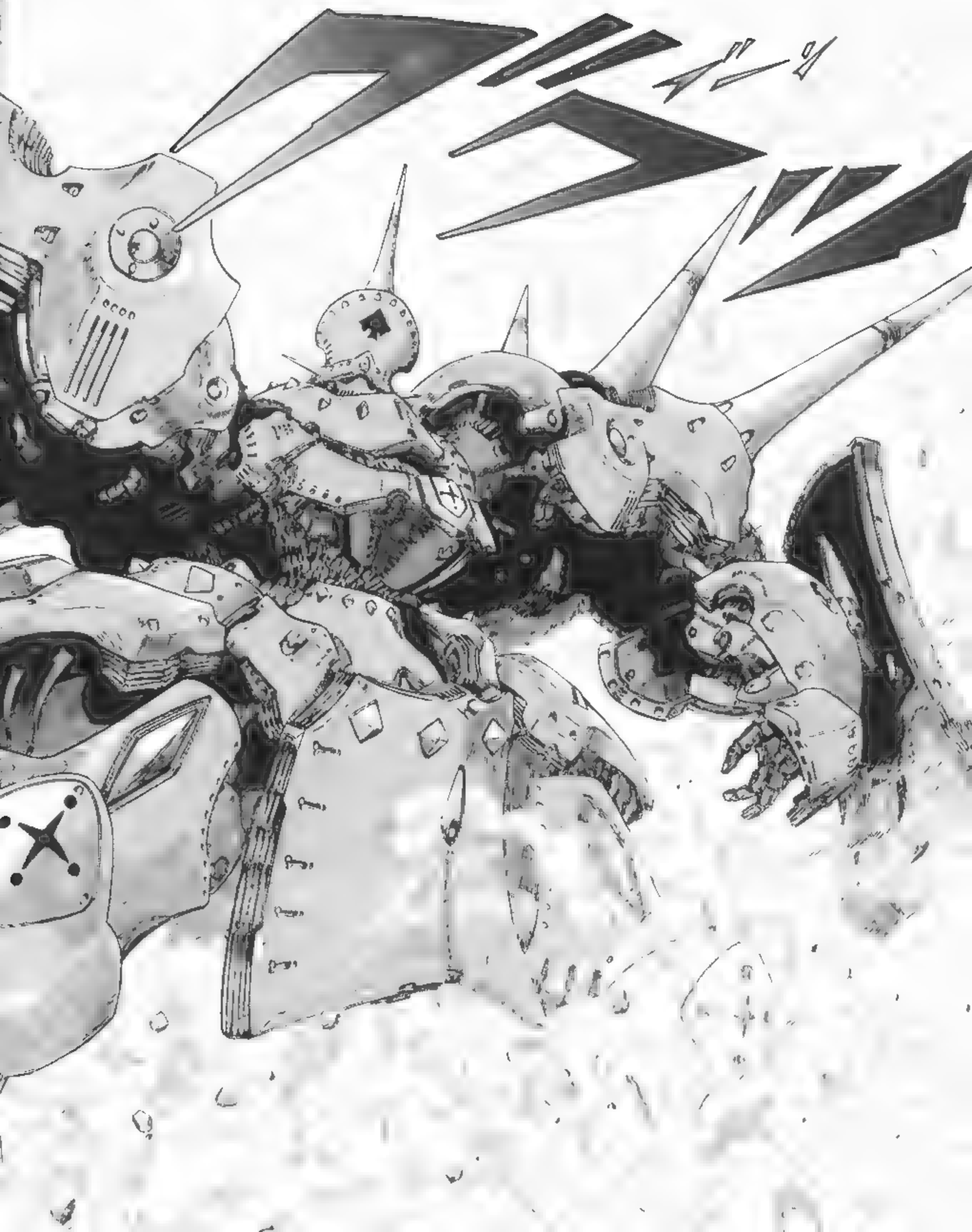


You're right!! It
has the Fillmore
Emblem!! So the
rumors were....!!

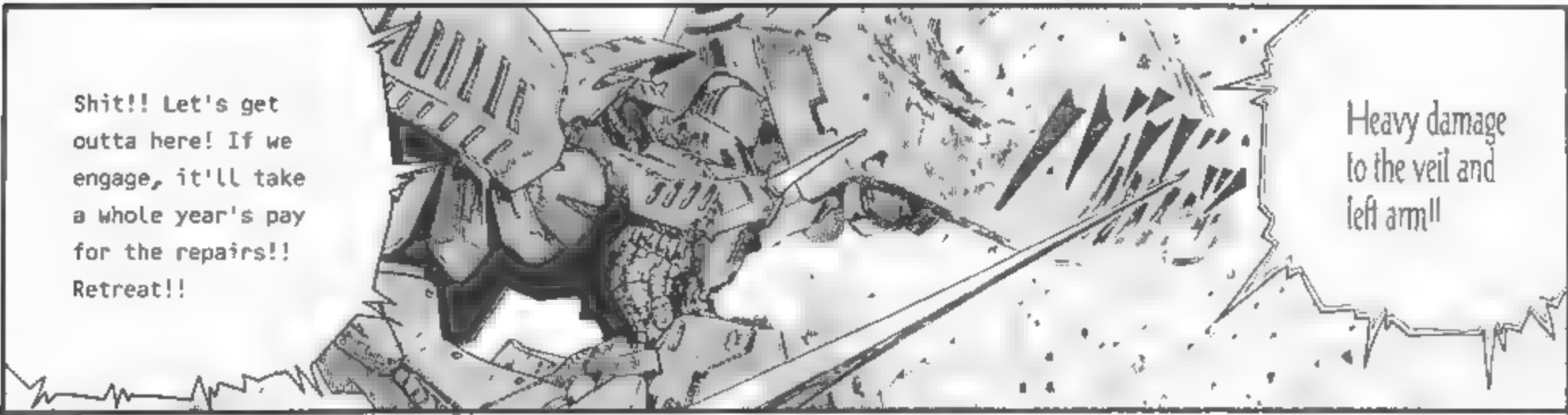
What are you
talking about?
What the hell's
an A-Model
doing...?

He's
approaching!!

The indicators
show that it's a
Siren alright...







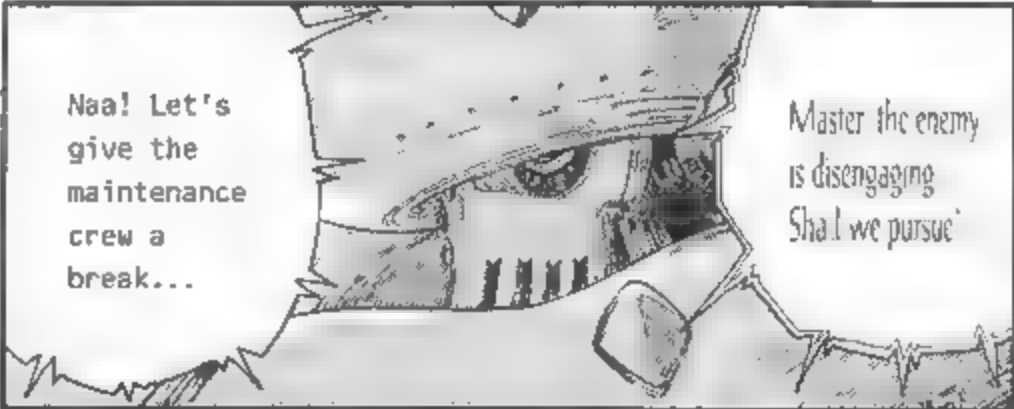
Shit!! Let's get outta here! If we engage, it'll take a whole year's pay for the repairs!! Retreat!!

Heavy damage to the veil and left arm!!




Okkie! Get your ass down here...

Cleaning out the sand every time is a real bitch! Let's call it a day...



Naa! Let's give the maintenance crew a break...

Master the enemy is disengaging. Shall we pursue?



We owe it all to Sir Barbaluse... Including reinstatement in the Kneue Sylliss...

What I don't get is why the Emperor would lend it to a couple of losers like us...

This is some machine, you know that? The Empire's Arcanna Siren. Wow!




After all, Emperor Amaterasu's new MHs also have this kind of integrated armor and plate spring sinew...

That's why you are the headliner best suited to test the capabilities of the new armor and auxiliary sinew.



I think it's because of your experience both piloting and doing battle with so many different mortar heads.



That's why Emperor Lader thinks that you and the AKD are so important...

Resilient integrated tendon tissue can move at full capacity the instant that voltage is applied. But the adjustments are so complicated that no ordinary MH will do.

Maessen's still in traction thanks to those "weaklings"... Only the Emperor and the Crown Prince really know what they're capable of...



If so, how did those creampuffs manage to kick the shit out of old Piper and Kersher?

That's the problem... Kneue is still under the impression that the Mirage Knights are all bark and no bite...



There's someone down there...



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Hey König!

Who did we manage to piss off this time?



Typical weather for this time of year!! Everybody's eatin' sand!

Dammit!!

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Christ, König! Will you get your ass down here! I've got something tell you!

Cut the crap and get your butt down here!



My my! If it isn't the one and only Blreno Canzian! To what do I owe the pleasure, m'Lord?

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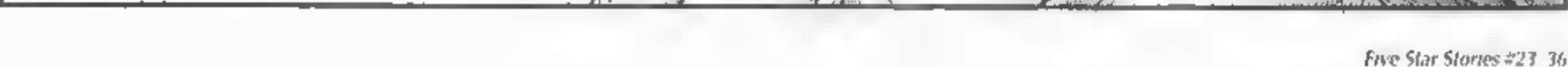
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What do you think? Maybe some sinking? Paracha. It's in a bit of a... since you made an appearance



know... That's why Ma... let's a... all night... choosing the ones



In the suburbs of Zlon, Fillmore Empire, Kallamity Godarce...

Now, shall we get down to business, Mrs. V?

The boy's skull was dislodged from the lower jaw on up, reminding the Emperor's subjects once again of the potential frightening and dangerous headliner character..

In an argument with six upper-classmates, your daughter, Christine, struck an eighth grade boy in the head...

The reason for such attacks seems to have been envy regarding Christine's headliner abilities.

We know this from testimony given by her classmates, who witnessed her being subjected to both physical abuse and sexual harassment... on a daily basis for a period of one year...

However, the defendant Christine is still mentally a juvenile, and for the last year has been the subject of constant harassment on the part of her upper-classmen...

Yes. However, in light of the fact that a boy has been killed, I should be considered a most lenient sentence.

In deciding the case we have taken all of these circumstances into consideration and have come to the conclusion that after Christine relinquishes her headliner abilities, she will be kept under house arrest here

What you mean is that her muscle tissue will be broken down with drugs and she will be bedridden for the rest of her life

My! So this is
Lord Ballanche's
Machi?

I'll be right there.
Machi... Serve the
magistrate some
more tea...

Madame...
There is a call
for you from
the Palace...

I'm sorry..
Please don't get
the wrong idea..
Ha-ha-ha..

Oh my! I'm getting
carried away... A
lowly bureaucrat
calling a national
treasure "cute." My
goodness...

Adorned in a
color reserved for
royalty... You are
indeed the cutest
Peacock-colored
treasure...

And we will be
blessed with such a
pleasing countenance
for another year it
seems.. Until the
new dresscode is
implemented...

What is it,
my child..

Uuum
Your.. Your
honor!

A falima... my
goodness... a living
and breathing robot
born for the sole
purpose of
programming
another robot, the
mortal headd...

It's really none of
my business...
but...

But over the last year she
grew distant and
developed a genuine dislike
for me, which must have
disturbed her terribly...

Christine changed after
she was sent to school..
Before that we were such
good friends...

I wonder if what
has happened isn't
my fault...

I'm starting to
feel a chill...

I don't think that
is something you
should concern
yourself with...

Your Majesty!
Allow me to put
an end to this
humiliation...
here and now...

First, there is my
own scandalous
affair thirteen years
ago... Now my
daughter disgraces
the Empire...

Commander
V! No!

Breno...
Here... You
know what to
do with it...



I thought to myself, "Why the haste!"

I heard the news on my journey back... that Your Majesty is soon going to hand over the throne to Crown Prince Dai Gu...

No doubt the only means by which to save my daughter...

Then in the light of what has happened, I understood... Upon enlthronement, a new Emperor is given the prerogative to grant pardons..

I hereby remit to Your Majesty not only the life of my daughter to do with as you please, but also my own...

What you are doing on behalf of the disappointing V family cannot be repaid as it is...

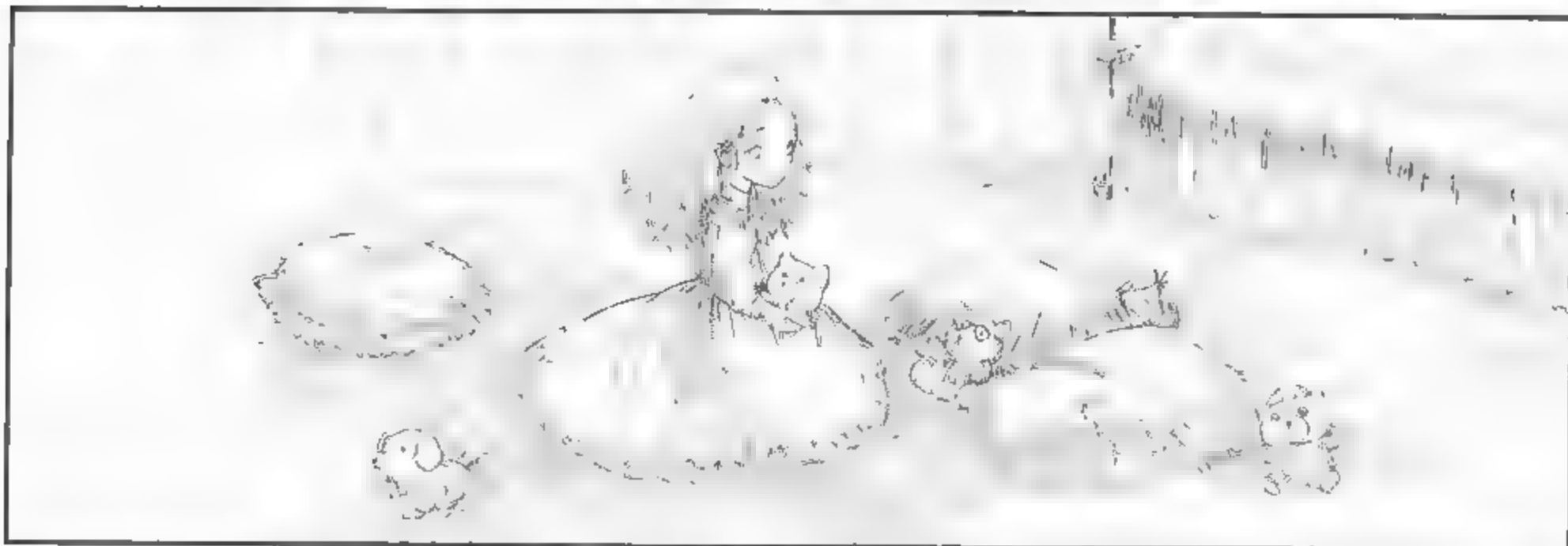
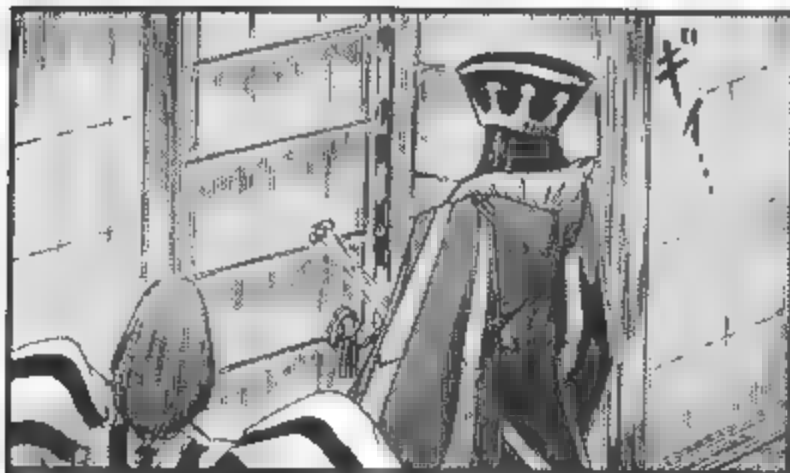
It has brought me both enjoyment and fulfillment...

Being able to serve Your Majesty has been my most precious possession in life.

V!!

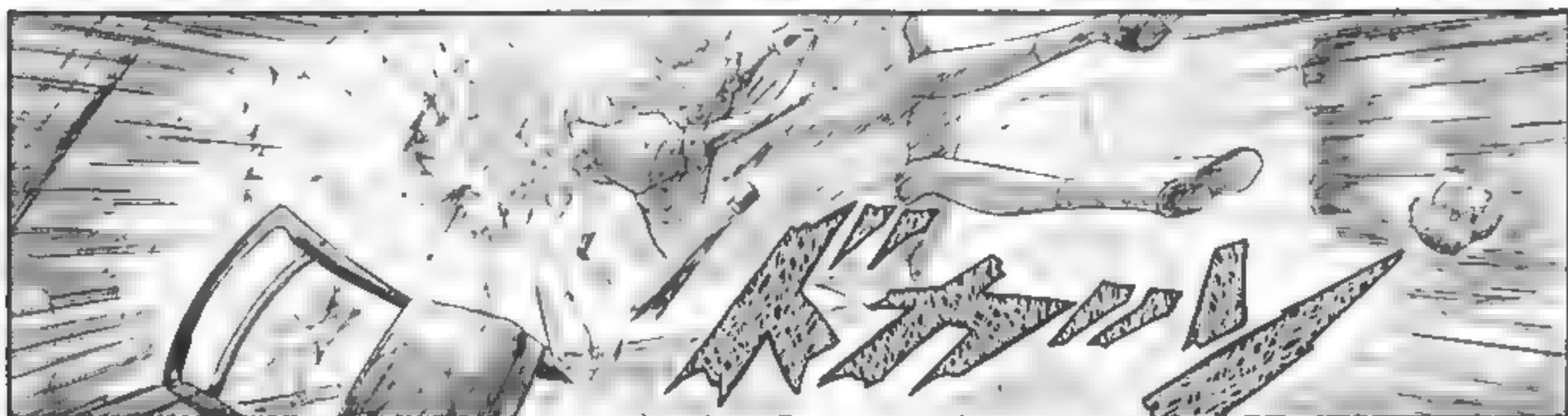
No... V...

It's time Breno...



May I come in?

You must be
Christine. I am
Viorate Tryton...



Yes sir!

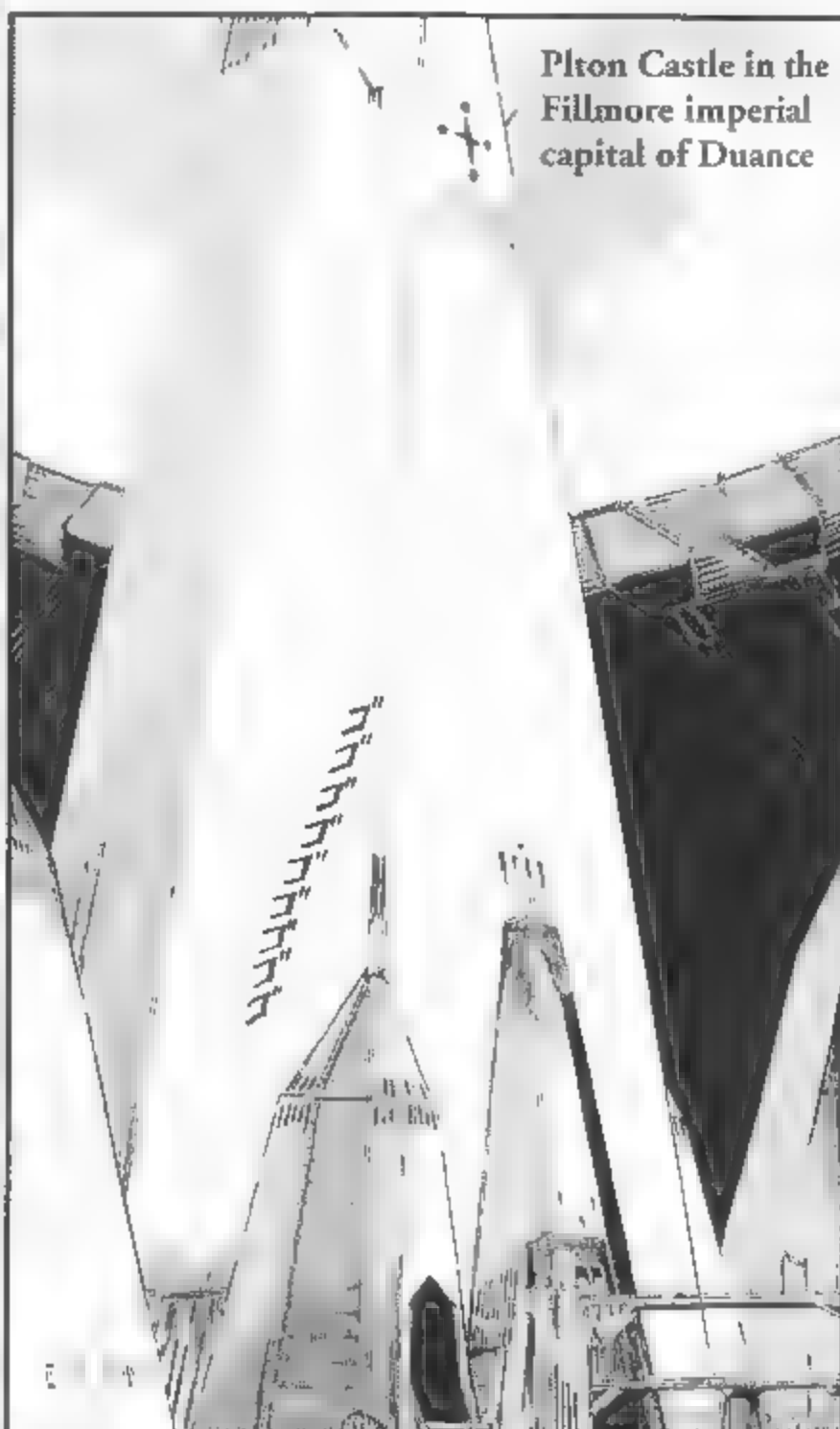
Be extremely careful.
If she gets violent
when she comes to,
tear off her arms at
the shoulders!



Christine!

Chris!





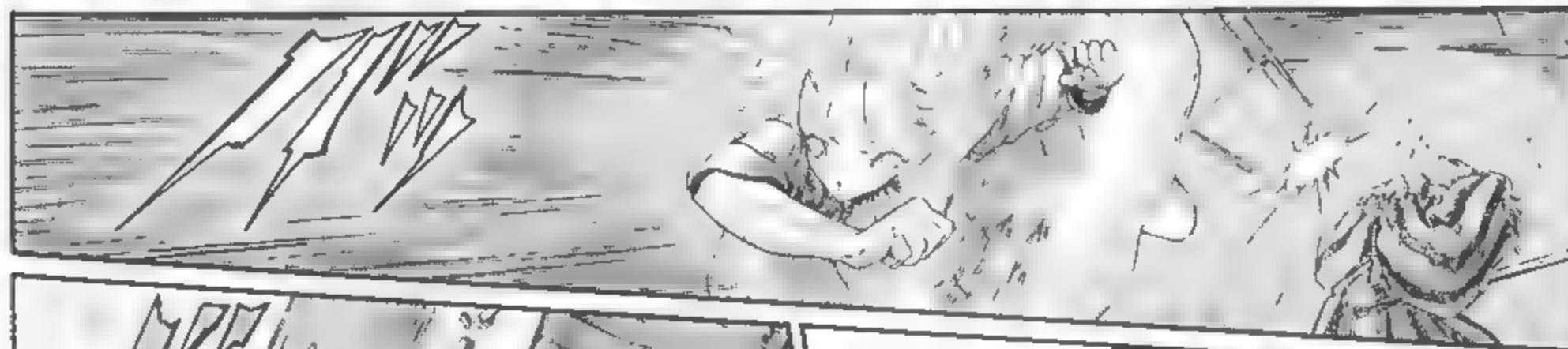
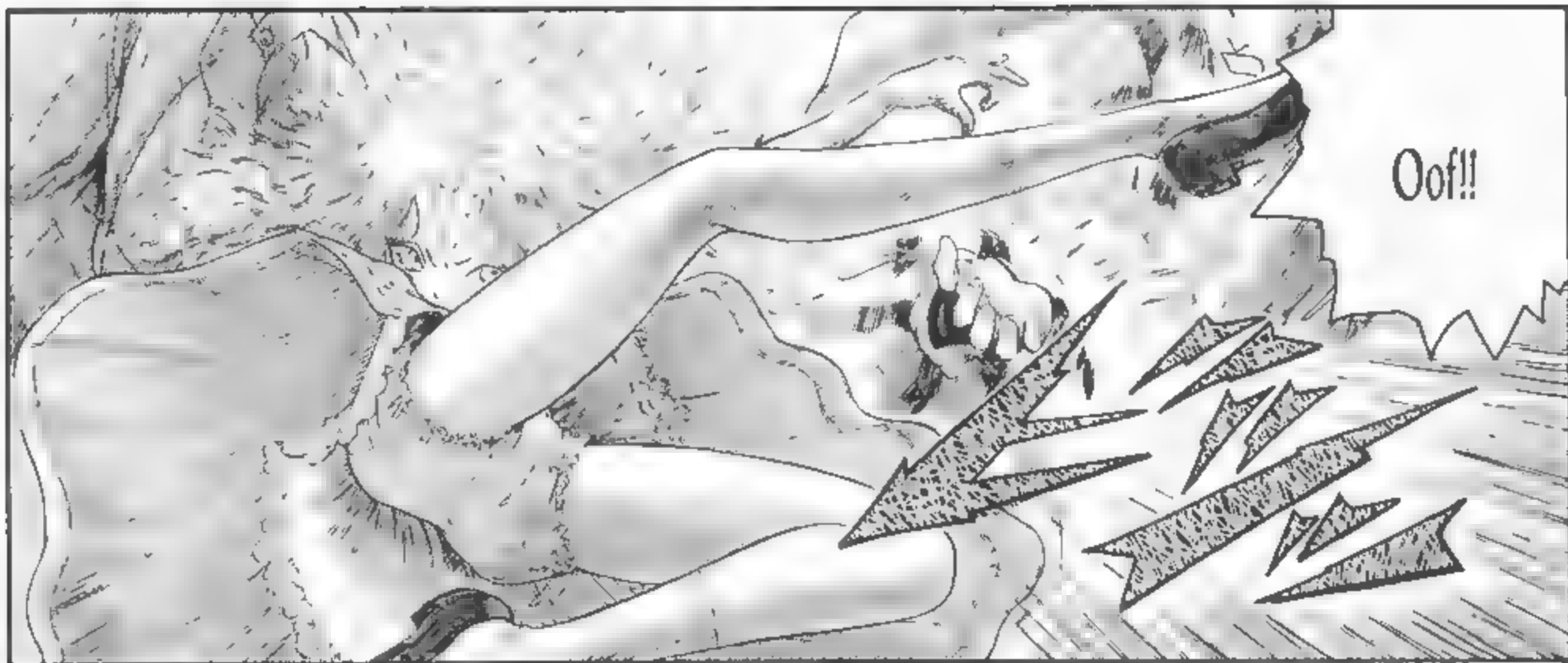
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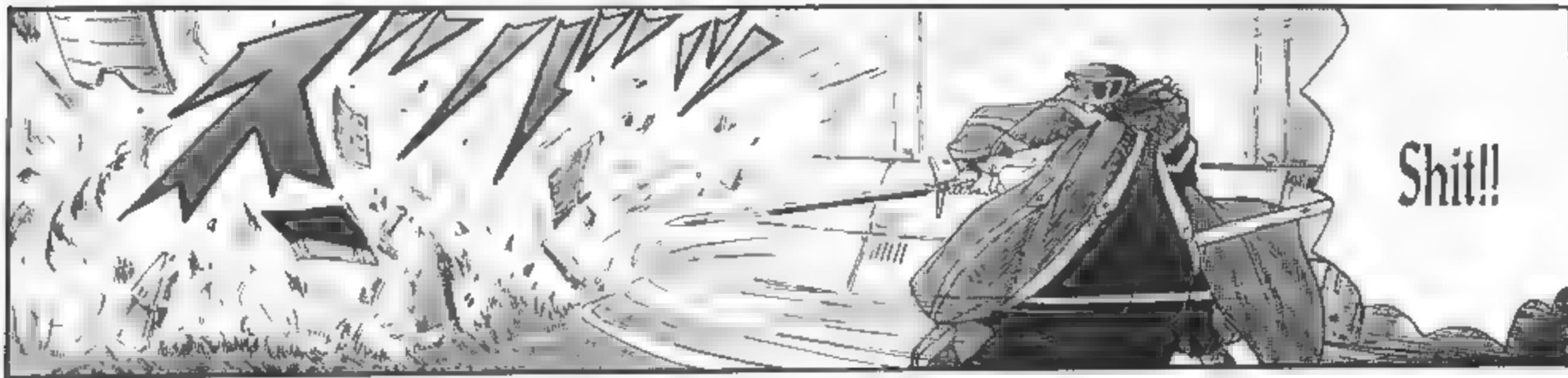


Huh?



She seems to
be coming to.
Be careful!



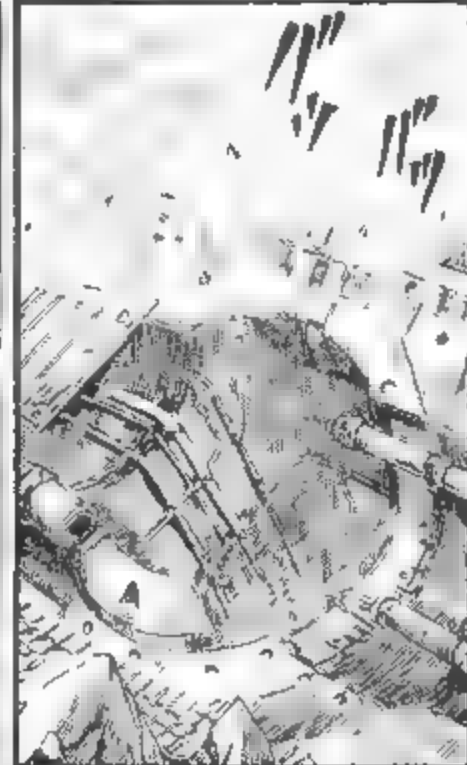


Shit!!



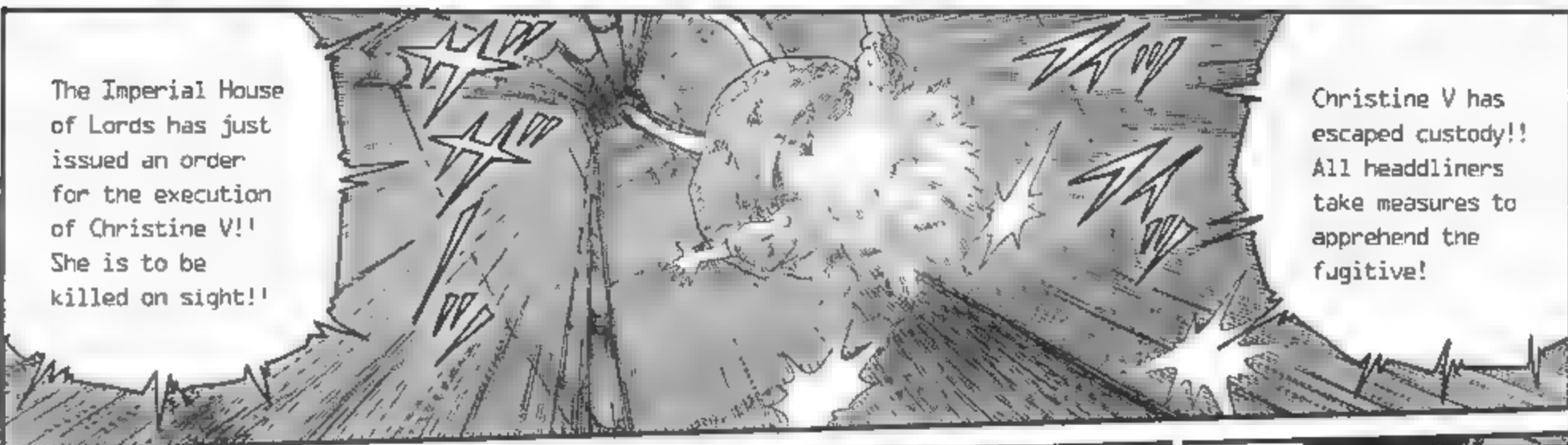
Aaaah..

Oooo..



What a mess...

Two Kneue Sylliss'...
Filmore's finest..



The Imperial House of Lords has just issued an order for the execution of Christine V!! She is to be killed on sight!!

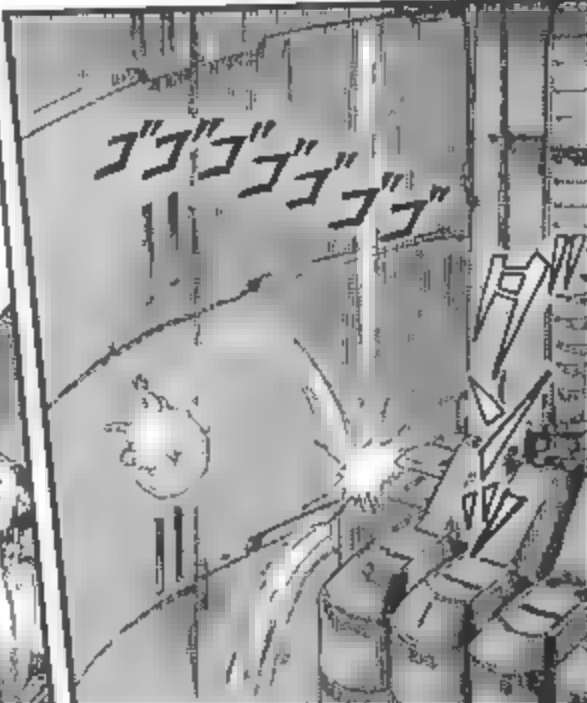
Christine V has escaped custody!! All headdliners take measures to apprehend the fugitive!



Those bastards in the House!! All they can think about is their own constituencies! They want it covered up!!

Lady Ik!! You don't expect us to..?

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Eeeeeek!!

What's she doing in the palace already?

Wait a minute!
...The security police just went out to pick the V girl up...

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the V girl up...

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This is the castle's basement... How'd you get in here?

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What happened, little girl? You're covered with mud!

What a cute little thing!



Cut it out! You're frightening her!

She's lost... She lost... A blonde wet haired urchin!



I... I...

.....



If you're in trouble, maybe we can help you out...

Don't be afraid. So you're the one who's on the loose, huh?



Well I'll be!

You must be Christine, then?

Gulp!!



No. The Preacher! You!!

Me!! Why do I always have to bail you guys out?

The Swordsman! I think he should handle this one!



But I ran away... What should I do?

I killed somebody... and I was supposed to be punished for it...

Whenever we have something to confess, we always come here to talk about it, too...



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Tsk! Alright... I'm gonna tell you a story, okay!

That's why headliners have to understand how people feel about them and live with it.

People look at you and drool all over themselves at just the thought of being able to spend even an hour in your shoes.

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The abilities that headliners have... their prestige and social position... the beauty of the fatimas they live with... all of that is like an unattainable dream for the ordinary man...



It's probably the most difficult part of being a headliner. For example, what happened at school... Tell us about it.



That's why those like you who are born with headliner abilities have to control their emotions when confronted by hecklers and admirers alike.

People like you don't need mothers after they're born!



Huh! Umm... They said...

Your family is a
scar on the
Empire! You're
still headliners
out of the
Emperor's pit!

How could a
headliner with
a Siren and a
Ballanche fatma
be such a loser?

Her old man got
his ass kicked by a
second-rate Mh-

Anyway, since
your old man's
fucks his fatima all
the time, your
mother's useless..

You've got fatimas to
do your cleaning and
laundry, and do your
homework for you...

He's an embar-
rassment to the
Empire! She's
just a chip off
the old block!

No! You
don't know
what you're
talking about!

No! You're
wrong!

Your old man has
done more to damage
the reputation of the
Filmore Empire than
any other citizen in its
history! What are you
gonna do about it?



No!

No!

Excuse me!

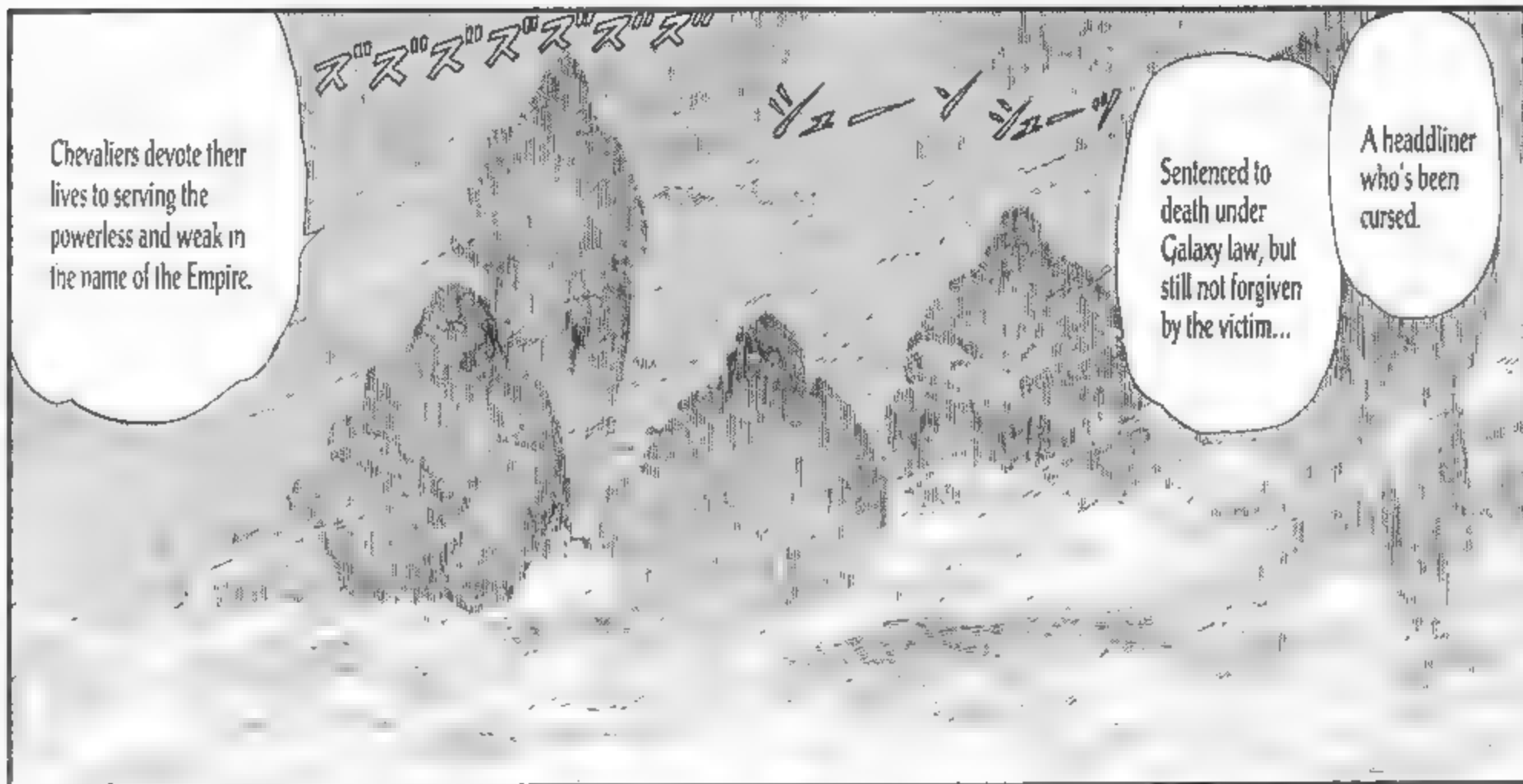
You should have put
up with the abuse,
but you didn't...
You ran away...
Used force...

They were wrong...
but that's not the
point... You
couldn't put up with
the lies they told...



Chevalier...





Chevaliers devote their lives to serving the powerless and weak in the name of the Empire.

Sentenced to death under Galaxy law, but still not forgiven by the victim...

A headliner who's been cursed.



The pride of a chevalier lies in the fact that he is bereft of pride, incapable of love and must endure the insults and cruelties heaped upon him by not only the Empire's subjects, but also the rest of the Galaxy.

However, chevaliers are never praised for their unending efforts to defend the Empire and protect the lives of its people.



Trial by Galaxy law or spending the rest of your life as a chevalier!

What will it be for you, Christine V...



We've located the girl!!

There she is... Over there!!



Tsk...



Tryton!..



Hand over the girl, Hietsai...



I've been ordered to protect her, and I...

You've given me no other choice but to take the girl by force!



Don't worry, Christine... That old man's sword will allow you to escape.

A duel between two imperial knights! Whoopee!

He's grown old, but he's still Fillmore's foremost swordsman... Surprised?



Is the imperial knighthood getting soft in the head?

Protect her! By whose orders? Certainly not the Emperor's...

As you can see, it's difficult for us to take anything seriously.

I mustn't run
away ever
again...

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No...

Hietsai and
Tryton? What's
going on!

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Surround the girl!
Don't let her
escape!

I will become a
chevalier...

If I can make
amends for my
mistake...

What the hell?!

The V-Siren!!

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You!! The
V-Siren!!

You're the
one who's
going to fight
by her side!!

Wha... What's
goin' on!!

Wow!!

Is it you...? Are
you the one who
is going to protect
this tarnished
little girl!!

Take this Imperial
V-Siren Neptune!!
It is now yours!!

Christine V!
This is all I can
do for you!!

And Lord Do
La Fillmore, the
Empire's top
advisor.

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今回の主役はわしらじや!!

Drs. Steel Koop and
Barn drum Sharps...

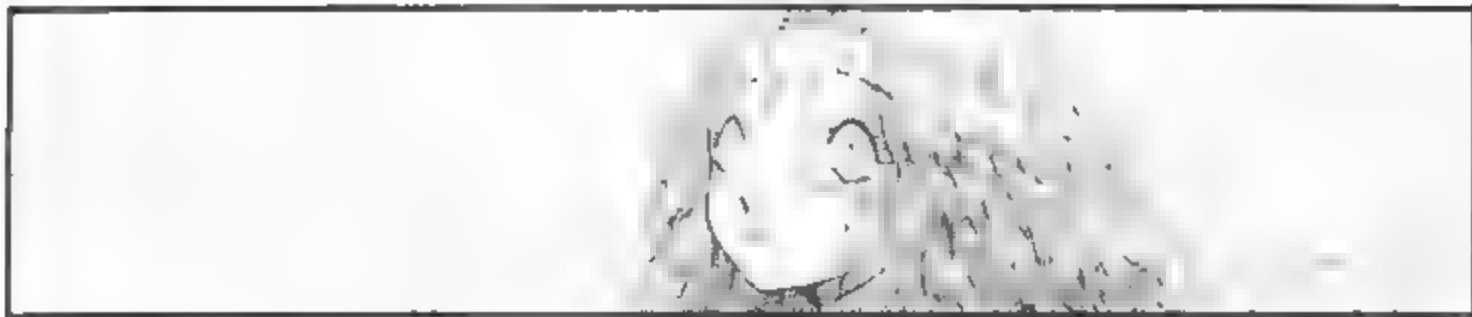
Emperor Lader!!

Manipulating
someone directly
under my command...
Tsk, tsk... What balls
she has!!

Tryton!! Didn't
think I'd figure out
what you two were
up to, did you!!
Behind my back!!

What the...





I should have known... That Your Majesty could never be deceived...



However... there are some things I must tell you. Listen to me carefully.

Christine! Your fate is now in our hands. With her backing, the Council will not oppose us.



Fatimas are nothing but tools of the trade! Treat them as such and learn how to use them as slaves!

Never treat a fatima like a friend or a lover! Fatimas are not humans. They are machines!



... but fatimas that are treated properly become valuable battle weapons... Spoil them, trust in their judgement, if you will, but never let them gain your sympathy.

There is nothing more frightening than the weakness that develops in a headliner who allows himself to become dependent on the heart of a fatima! You probably haven't realized it yet.



No Your Majesty. You have spoken the truth.



I am I wrong Machi?

If you do as I say, you will become a headliner trusted and respected by the people of Fillmore and avoid the weaknesses plaguing the knights of other countries.



We fatimas do not choose our headdliners out of love and affection. None of us would ever go with someone whom we thought was not strong.

You have described perfectly the kind of headdliner who can employ us fatimas in battle with the utmost stability.

The fact of any fatima giving herself to a headdliner should never be misinterpreted as love and affection for him.

It is one of our unwritten laws of objectivity... We will go with anyone who displays the necessary strength...



Treating one's fatima like a prized material asset is the sworn duty of every Fillmore headdliner

For anyone other than our headdliners, we are capable of obeying them, smiling for them, serving them, and satisfying their carnal desires.

That fact should never be questioned or denounced. Those headdliners and fatimas who do question or denounce it, become tormented and destroy themselves.

That is why Fillmore's fatimas suffer from mental breakdown less frequently than any other country in the Galaxy.

Machi . !

?...

Uncle Breno...! ...!

It... it's daddy's...

Here, Chris...

Your father... he's...

I'm sorry... I could do nothing to stop him...

I... I'm... so sorry...

No matter how
dreary it seems,
live on... please

I know how
hard it is...
But be brave...

Machi...!
Tell me it's
not true...
no!

No...

Take this sword
and me

The V-Siren and
I will always be
with you .

May I call you
"Master!"...

Sir knight... wil,
you have me as
your partner...

To be continued....

- JC 3230 Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Godarce to join the AKD, but following the lead of the F.I. more Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request.
- JC 3234 Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Godarce, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.
- JC 3238 The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Godarce as the war bogs down.
- JC 3239 Slant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all-out attack on the F.I. more Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Slant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal while crossing Lake Nnibidoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the M.H. and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock-resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge.
- JC 3330 The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities.
- JC 3333 Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Jüno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 3345 The LED Dragon awakens.
- JC 3400-3900 Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Jüno, King Colus V, begins a large-scale program to improve his country's M.H. force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of M.H.s, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.
- JC 3910 The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Jüno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Jüno.
- JC 3952 Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Jüno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.
- JC 3960 The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Aleria, princess of Balianka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Hydman, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Luncheon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borishoi. Grand Hydman is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape. Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms. Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu.
- JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Balianche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.I. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are clustered and sealed.
- JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meistner family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.
- JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy M.H.s continue to switch over to the non-humanoid Ecloramu fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler, Upandla, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit. This year marks the beginning of Upandla's reign of terror.
- JC 4044 Daizina Meistner finds her way to Kastenpo on Both.
- JC 4050 Daizina Meistner meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.
- JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance.
- JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.
- JC 4075 Jünchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.
- JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Rouath, possibly another headliner descendant.
- JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Jüno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict.
- JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wunderschatze, defects to Colus' side.
- JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side.
- JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upandla regime gradually loses control of the situation, initiating the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in.
- JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belun.
- JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' Jünchoon and Upandla's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two tales hurry to the fray. Delta Belun is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragon.
- Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Will, in search of Lachesis. The "god of light" has failed them.
- JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy.
- JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina.
- JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.
- JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into disrepair. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone. The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeva.
- (The Era of the The Will Galaxy)*
- JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.
- JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
- JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperion, to continue the fight.
- JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the M.H. Goat Mirage, also known as Maedall Chivalries.
- JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.
- JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.
- JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nordlandic for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep.
- JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space.
- JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23-year-old prince of Grees, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy.
- JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kalien, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution.

* Time in the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 9,670,000,000 years in length.

Chronology

[Last Millennia of the AD Era]

- AD 4000** Juno is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Farus Die Kannam.
- AD 5000** Reign of the "Razing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man: the buster launcher.
- AD 6000** Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy intact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale, as the deserts of Addler and Pēstako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Farus Die Kannam wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine: a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.

[The Joker Millennia]*

- JC 0001** Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change even in millennial terms.
- JC 0980** Birth of the mortar head: a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- JC 2020** In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern Delta Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.
- JC 2026** Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes his research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- JC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.
- JC 2087** Amaterasu and Litra are married. Litra will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthling time. On the average human's of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, prompted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar heads is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "latima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.
- JC 2397** Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and fatimas.
- JC 2629** Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Ballanche.
- JC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the all the imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** Amaterasu unifies the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II ruler of the super power on the planet Juno forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.
- JC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.
- JC 2899** Amaterasu unifies Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Dennesnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Ballanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bel Creia.
- JC 2900** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kalamity Godasree, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 880 years old.
- JC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the

Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.

- JC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Ballanche, decides that a fatima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny," and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** Dr. Ballanche's final two fatimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Juno's King Colus III.
- JC 2989** Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor Hagooda. MHmeister Ladios Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MH luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992** Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** Magdall and Depe are born in the Republic of Lathuha in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** Completion of the heavy MH jagd Mirage known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual buster canon design.
- JC 3010** The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** Princess Magdall is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Toll Empire.
- JC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Addler.
- JC 3162** Addler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.
- JC 3185** Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1105 years old.
- JC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kastempo on the continent of Gnann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Toll Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** The moving solar system of Slant with a 1500 year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Slant will increase the instability of Kalamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

*Joker and earth years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.

#23/14p



タッ、ダッ
Taht, daht

Breaking into a run or dashing off

#23/7p



#23/18p



スッ
Suh (Shhhh)

Moving very quietly. The tenseness felt when creeping behind someone.

#23/18p



ツツ...

Tsut

Sliding a body across a floor or the ground without making a sound.

#23/10p



ズキッ
Suhkiht

A sharp pounding pain

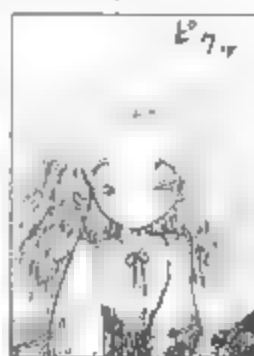
#23/47p



ザバッ
Zahbaht (Sploosh)

Large amount of water being released

#23/42p



ピクッ
Pikul

A highly excited or sensitive state. Sudden or highly sensitive reaction.

#23/43p



ヒクッヒクッ
Heeku-heeku

Twitching nerves and pulsating veins, denoting a very tense situation.

#23/46p

ザワザワ、ザワッ

Zahwaht

Whispering type hubbub

#23/17p



#23/53p



#23/36p



でへへー
Deh-heh-heh

An indolent, infantile laugh

#23/49p



コク...
Kohkuht

Nodding or otherwise dropping one's head forward.

#23/48p



わいわいわい
Wai-wai-wai

The hubbub of an audience

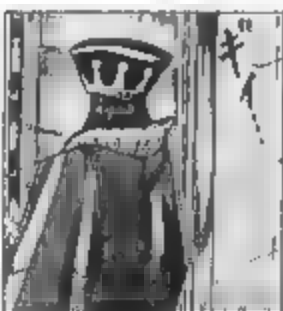
#23/13p



カッ
Kaht

Sound of a shoe heels on bare floor

#23/42p



ギィ
Gih (Creak)

A rusty hinged door being opened

#23/16p



#23/42p



ガチャ、ガチャガチャ
Gahchat (Clikk)

Sound of a two hard objects colliding

#23/5p



ガタ
Gahtah (Dunt, tungk)

Sound of the legs of a chair hitting the floor after the person seated rises.

#23/47p



ドボーン
Dohboohn
(Splash, kersplash)
An object hitting the water

#23/41p



バカッ、バクッ
Bahkat, bahkut

Sound of a hastily opened door

#23/46p



#23/11p



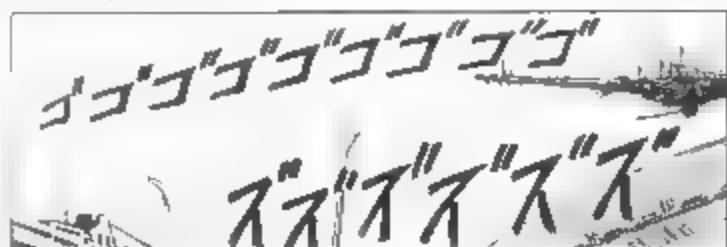
シーン
Sheeen

Silence, all of sudden becoming silent, a pregnant pause

Special Effects

Five Star Stories like any comic is filled with special effects, which in Japanese are divided into words that resemble sounds and words that express appearances or images. Some can be found in any dictionary, some were created by the author. The following list is a sampling of the special effects appearing in this volume.

#23/25p



ゴゴゴゴ

Go-go-go-go-go

Sound of a mortar heads or space craft traveling at normal speed

ズズズズ

Zuht-zuht-zuht-zuht

Earth tremors, movement of a huge object, a majestic appearance

#23/31p

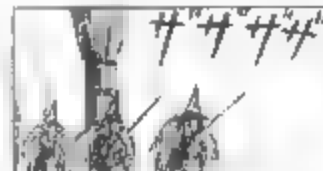


ドーン

Dohnn (Ba-dooom)

Explosion in the distance with eco.

#23/13p



#23/52p



#23/14p



ザザザザ

Zah-zah-zah-zah

Trampling sound of an attacking squad of soldiers or a mob. Kicking up sand or dirt while running

#23/41p

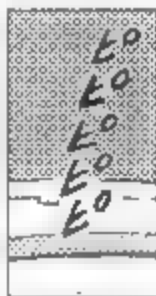


フィフィフィフィ

Fee-fee-fee-fee

High rpm "teen" (braaooowwv)

#23/35p



ピピピピ

Pee-pee

Sounds of an electronic alarm

#23/13p

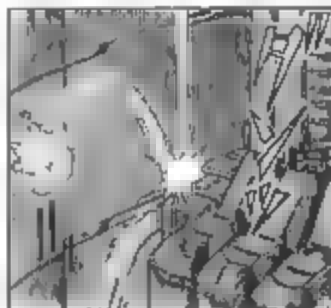


バツ

Baht

Quick, agile movement. Expression of objects moving through the air in rapid succession

#23/46p



ダンッ

Dahnt

Heavy footsteps of charging storm troopers. Bumping into something.

#23/14p



バキッ

Bahkiht (Crack, snap)

Breaking a piece of wood or something in two

#23/14p

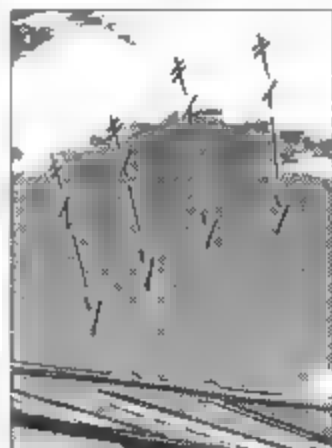


ドドドド

Doh-doh-doh-doh

Trampling sound of an attacking squad of soldiers or a mob.

#23/26p

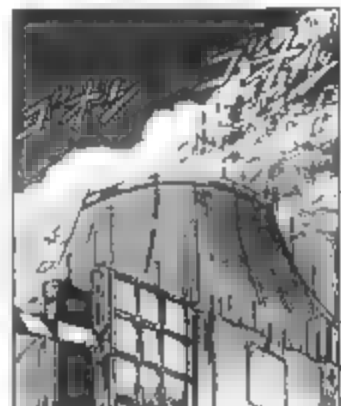


キーン

Keeeen (dweee, Eceee)

Sound of an object flying through the air at extremely high speed

#23/7p



ゴオン

Gohn (Vaarooom, rumble)

Sound of a bulldozer or tank engine. Earth rumbling or tremor

#23/7p



ドッ

Doh! (Whump, fa-lop)

Sound of a body hitting the ground

#23/11p



ボッ

Boht (Fwoom)

The sound of a flammable material, like fuel or natural gas, bursting into flames, then immediately dying out

#23/7p

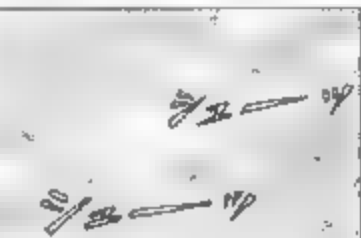


シューシュー、シュンシュン

Shuuh-shuuh, syun-syun-syun

Release of pressurized steam or vapor

#23/49p



#23/47p



#23/35p



バササッ

Bahsah-saht

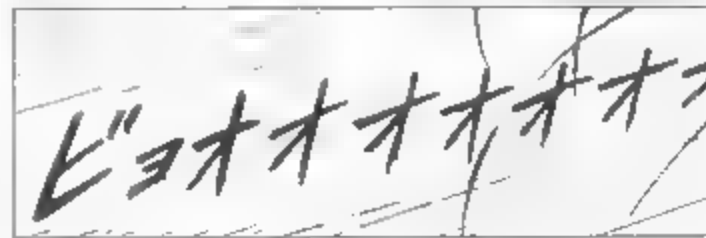
Clothing suddenly flapped by the wind. The swishing sound of a cloak.

ゴオオオオ、ビョオオオ

Gooooouuuu, Byooooouuu (Huuuuurrr)

Sound and expression of a roaring wind or sand storm

#23/35p



#23/35p



The Undergarment

A simple one piece type body-suit, the undergarment is completely different from the decadent style, which features lace embroidery, decorative lines, etc. Mrs. Cyan saw no point in adding a foundation to a garment that already sufficiently provided body definition. However, for the time being, the outline of Auxo's silk lace undergarment (Ravage embroidery!) shows through her suit.

Inner Tights

A seamless garment worn over or under the inner garment to ensure that the tight fitting suit moves along the body smoothly. Cut to either the neck- or breast-line, spats are preferred to panty stockings due to the line around the stomach created by the latter. How the garment is woven without seams defies the imagination, and, of course, it is not in the least sexy

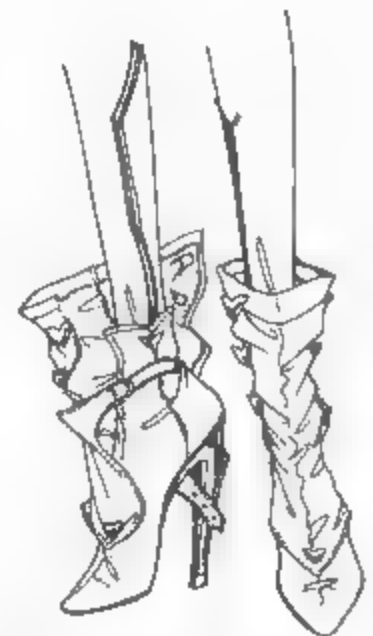


Why don't fatimas wear 'impieces'! Because there are clocks in their headpieces as accurate as atomic clocks



L-Size Fatima Cuffs

Here is the suit worn by Qukey's Agiaia. The sleeves have open cuffs worn over the gloves. Notice the cape style of the bonnet, another L-Size characteristic.



S-Size Fatima Leggings

These are the leggings that Prince Ikaruga's Majer wears over her short boots. The suit itself is the same design as M-Size's, however The buckskin leggings have stylishly replaced the former decadent style socks.

Plastic Wear Illustrated

The Body Suit

The suit's inner lining is made of silk, since fatimas are allergic to synthetic fiber. The sleeves and trousers were cut semi-long after fatimas told Mrs. Cyan that a full suit would probably pull too tightly on toes and fingers. The sewn lines contain the suit's air conditioning bypasses to adjust the temperature of these hermetically sealed garments. Since electricity is supplied by the fabric itself there is no need for batteries or control chips. The same is true for the Decadent suit, but it is not equipped with an automatic instantaneous enrobe-disrobe system, running down the middle of the back.



The Boots and Gloves

The extremities are protected with the same material as the suit, with a top layer of elegant soft leather and of course silk linings, except for the buckskin from the ankles on down. Due to the merciless beating received upon boots and gloves by their owners, the inner linings have to be replaced about twice a year. The boot heels have been cut way too high for a human, but they pose no problem to the fatima skeleton.



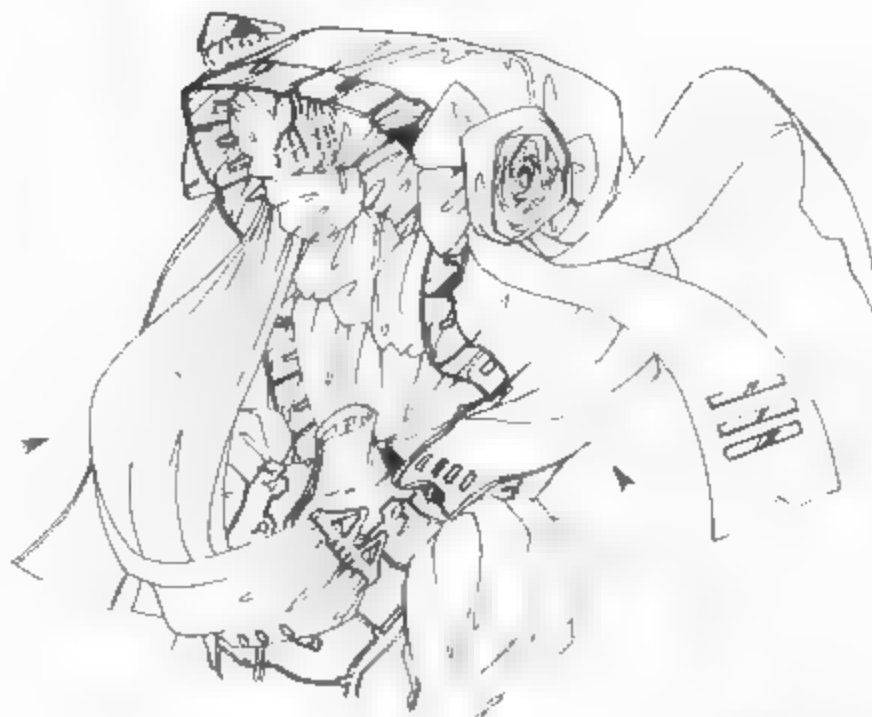
The heel is quite
high, but the
width is just
amount of it to be seen.

Stoppers have been attached
from the knee on down to pre-
vent slippage.

Frighteningly high spike heels. Do not
wear them unless you are a
professional dancer. The heels are
made of a very hard material, and
the soles are made of a very hard
material. The material for the soles
is the same as that used in
the floor.

The Bonnet

The high-tech anti-shock material on the inside lining is as moist as light and soft as air. The same material has been used to pad the fatima cockpit. The bonnet is attached to the fatima's head condenser and also to points either on the shoulder or the nape of the neck, enabling it to be worn (and unworn) like a hood. One problem with this new design is its inability to fit spatially into the conventional fatima cockpit. Enter Amaterasu, who built new cockpits for Meguella (Voards Viewlard), Concord (Jabo Beat) and Auxo (Dougulus Kaien). The Empress' cockpit was rebuilt by Dr. M. ggey Corlor on the basis of Amaterasu's original design.



A new modification to the suit material is a wimple attached to the bonnet. It overlaps with the wimple for more attractive drape lines.

Point where the bonnet is attached to the suit at the shoulders, so as not to choke the wearer. It is pulled or caught from within.

The Wimple

The general term to refer to the cloth wound around the head and framing the face, but the name differs from region to region according to how it is worn. In general it is wound around the top of the head and tied into a bow on top, thus hiding most of the fatima's hair. In order to make the wimple's drape more attractive, Mrs. Cyan made complicated, subtle cuts in the cloth. The fabric used also varies among lute, linen, silk and velvet, and wimples designed to match the suit usually are made of the same fabric. However, the inner lining is invariably silk. Meguella's wimple is made of satin silk. The use of such natural fabrics is the exception to normal Galaxy dress codes.



The wimple is made of a special material that is designed to be warm and comfortable. Operation can be done remotely from the head crystal, but most of the time it is done manually.

Illustrated Guide to Western Style Plastic Fatima Wear

Plastic wear

This new line of fashion, inspired by a wave of stricter Galaxy regulations regarding the appearance of non-human life forms in public, was created by Series P. Panafrancis Cyan, said to be the Galaxy's top clothing designer. Of course, fashion could never give way to the strict military specifications concerning fabric construction, seven layers of synthetic cloth impenetrable to both optical weapons and physical impact, the top three with illuminated coating for a sparkling cosmetic effect. Mrs. Cyan was also required to take into consideration the functional aspect of movement, especially how to cover the joints. Elasticity is crucial here, moving as flexibly as the skin around them. Hems, sleeves and collars always in their place, whether sitting, standing, running, driving, or doin' the shag, boogie or bop. No stylistic changes were made in the protective jewelry worn by fatimas, either. The weight would be about seven kilograms, heavier than the Decadent suit. And now for the price tag! In present earth terms, US\$2,232,142.85, not including tax, insurance, alterations, delivery, etc. (What's another couple a 100 thou, anyway!)

Fatima Fates

Megaella

A Chrome Ballanche masterpiece. Design conceived in J.C. 2871, synthesis begun in 2952, born 2974 (What took you so long, Ballanche!)

Fatima Ranking: Flawless

Racial/Ethnic Specification: Caucasian/French

Identification: M-Type

Battle Skills: A

MH Control: 2A

Data Processing: 2A

Durability: A

Mental/Emotional Stability: B1

Height: 167 cm

Weight: approx. 41 kg

Bust size: max 80 cm

Waist size: 42 cm (really! no shit!)

Hip size: 79 cm

Ring finger size: 4

Shoe size: 22.5 cm





Banchrotte Borishoi NaphManca

Princess of the Borishoi Kingdom on Juno. Called the Violet Knight from the color of her eyes. Her mission is to avenge the death of her brother with her pure white tachi.



Mondo Hotas

Dragon Knight from the Eleshis Continent on Juno. He and his dragon, Siren, are on a mission to dispose of an evil sorcerer in the hope of rescuing his fiancée.

Characters



Ned Swans

One of King Lader's headhunters who infiltrated the country of Spatula on Kalamity. A sword sage who became the master of the Galaxy's first fatimafates, Focusight Fatimas SML, Neeb and InterCity would also call him "Master," while he was piloting three Kormals mortal heads designed by Zebee Carter.



Demilight Vatscher

A woman who was dispatched to assist Swans during his assignment in Spatula. Helping out both clerically and in battle, her fate is far less commensurate with her contribution.



N.E.I.N.

Real name unknown. A genuine basket case. For example, why would anyone want to wear her hair that way! She is the Galaxy's premier diver force of all time with uncanny ways of pissing people off, to boot.

Characters



Wadam Harrer

A headliner under the A.P.'s Embryo Division. He takes advantage of a diplomatic mission to abandon ship in hope of finding a cure for his ailing fatima. He will become the master of Morard's Build and fight side by side with Prince Depra in the great wizard war.



Fatima Fates Harper

Harrer's partner, a factory-made, mass-produced fatima of seemingly no consequence and the reason for his desertion. However, her real abilities and identity become apparent after an easy victory over a Ballanche masterpiece.



Mortar Head
A-Toll Scritti

Mortar heads of the Galactic Republic's A.P. Knighthood Division of the same name. There are a total of 12 A.P. divisions, with A-Tolls differing in shape and specifications according to their roles. The Scritti Division is charged with A.P. internal affairs, acting behind the scenes as the Republic's secret police. This is why their M.H.s have been designed with information gathering in mind, to anticipate any possible situation.

Characters



Fatima Fates
Spalituda

Commander Baiounga's partner, a fatima equipped with unsurpassed battle simulation skills so necessary to the Division's special operations. Not too shabby in the other power departments, either.



Lotus Balounga

Commander of the Scrith Division. Due to the many underhanded and cruel tactics that the Scrith Division is required to adopt in its operation, its members tend to be regarded as crazy and bloodthirsty; however, Commander Baiounga is dedicated to carrying out his orders under the almost military discipline, no more, no less.



Mortar Headd
Empress

Designed and built in 2499 by one of the Galaxy's premier mechtis, Zebeé Corler for the Aloli Empire. The beauty of the design reflects that of a pre-loker legendary ruler. The awesome power generated by the Empress in battle produces an energy field that makes the machine look like it's on fire.

The Blazing Empress

As the ninth ruler of the Kappam Empire, the Empress is a powerful and cunning leader. She is the only one who can control the fire-breathing dragons that are the Kappam's most powerful weapon.



Assaram Skins

A top-ranking member of the Farus Die Kannara

Senior Empress's personal guard

Princess I. Yarnn Vatshu

Royal member of the Farus Die Kannara





Fatima Fates
Machi

Barbaluse V's partner and younger sister of Asizz. She will serve Christine V faithfully through all of her new master's trials and tribulations.



Christine V

Daughter of Barbaluse V, a top-ranking headliner of the Elinore Empire. Despite such a family background and promising future, she kills one of her classmates in a brawl and is sentenced to death by the Imperial Council. In retribution, she is destined to become a tragic highlander (chevalier), serving Elinore for the rest of her life.



Mortar Headd
Arcanna Siren

The heaviest and most powerful model in the Fillmore Empire's fleet of Siren Mō-Is, with the duty of imperial bodyguard. There are now four in existence, each marked with a different suit in a deck of cards. This is the Diamond, Tryton.

Characters



Brauma Ik

Leader of the Kneue Sylliss Red Division and a top-ranking Fillmore headliner. She pilots the same slim Siren Model-F that Vraigo did, light armored like most of the Sirens. She is the one most concerned about Christine's fate, under her tough exterior.



Viorate Tryton

Prince of one of the many royal families of Fillmore, the Laders. Despite being appointed the Arcanna Knight, the emperor's personal bodyguard, he shirks his duties in a plot to save Christine V from the gallows.

The Five Star Stories IX



Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

Artist, comic writer, musician, designer, and Macintosh recluse, Mamoru Nagano was born in the city of Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture in January 1960. In 1984 he made his animation debut as the character designer of the TV cartoon *Heavy Metal L-Gaim*. His first comic, *Fool for the City*, was published in *Newtype* magazine in 1985, followed by *Five Star Stories* serial, which began in 1986. Five stories were completed by 2000, then in spring 2001, Story #6 was begun. *FSS* was first published in paperback by Kadokawa, which released 11 volumes with a total sales of 7 million copies, marking it as a popular long seller among Japanese comic fans. The author's latest work is another animated serial entitled *Brain-Powered*. Much of his work is under copyright of and being published by his own company, TOYSPRESS, Inc.

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Five Star Stories Vols. IX-X

In an espionage mission to Fort Chibum in the U-Ihu Republic on the planet Both, swordsmen sage Dougulus Kaien is detected by a very alert Michael Lester, who blocks the spy's escape and all but obliterates Kaien's fatima Auxo. Kaien flees to an anti-government guerilla camp at the mining village of Tyxaihigh and is pursued by Republic headliner Maiyu Sukat in his powerful mortar headd, the Zakker. Filling in for Auxo as Kaien's partner on his Schpeltor is none other than Lachesis' sister Atropos, who had been posing as the leader of the guerillas. After defeating Skat, Atropos pledges to spend the rest of her life trying to realize a fatima's full potential free

of legally imposed physical and mental restraints, and after the battle disappears. Meanwhile, Kaien's Auxo is brought back from the dead by Chrome Ballanche's protege, Prisen Corks, with her memory miraculously in tact and is reunited with Kaien.



Five Star Stories Vols. XI-XII

After a flashback to the time when Ladios Sopp and Chrome Ballanche first met and their encounter with swordsmen sage Dimos Hiahraki, the stories turned to the Kingdom of Taika, doomed to war and tragedy for thousands of years in another universe, but promised by Amaterasu that he would send his daughter to end the violence. Colus Dis Vice then made a brief appearance, before we were swept off to Delta Belun and Amaterasu's woes concerning his mother, who also paid a visit to Lachesis. Volume XI then ended with Sopp and Ballanche at their last meeting before the good doctor's death. Back to Kastenpo on the planet Both, Iler the Bishop isn't satisfied with the twenty-eight previous opportunities to experiment in military mayhem. Looking for one of the Galaxy's Big Three to "test", he has the ninja spy kidnap Aisha Codante's fatima to lure Mirage Knight #2 into

the battlefield. Kibarcan's Cardinal Muse van Reyback decides to shed his holier-than-thou attitude and bring the Bang Doll. As for the attempt by Iler's monitoring station to escape with newly discovered mortar headd data, a royally P.O.'d Thunder Dragon puts on a spectacular aerial demonstration in a statement to the Galaxy that nobody is to use the unrestricted, lawless region of Kastenpo as a weapons testing ground ever again.



Five Star Stories Vols. XIII-XIV

The Emperor of Delta Belun decides to take a leave of absence to visit Kastenpo on the planet Both. On the bus ride, Sopp hears the well-known folktale of the "Water Dragon," in which a young princess gives up her most treasured possession to save her kingdom from an army of devils. Then the bus is attacked by a secret mission led by Diver Di-Barrow in search of the dying LED Dragon, and Sopp is mortally wounded. Meanwhile, back in Delta Belun at the Floating Temple, its commander-in-chief's departure has thrown the Palace into confusion, with headliners and diver's running amok and safety barriers of all kinds breaking apart. However, Lachesis, with a little help from Dougulus Kaien and the Golden Dragon, proves to all her ability to rule in

Amaterasu's absence. Lachesis concludes the cause of the uproar to be some physical disruption at Amaterasu's end. So she sends the only available headliner, Joker knight par excellence Schaft at the helm of the virgin Jagd Mirage with even nuttier Pallenon in the fatima cockpit, to Kastenpo for to check it out.



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